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Nos patriæ fines, et dulcia scripsimus arva. VIRG.

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WEST LEXHAM.

The towns of *East* and *West Lexham* had the additional names of *East* and *West*, since the Conquest: being then called *Leccesham* and *Lechesham*, from its site on a bog, or lake by the water.

At the survey it was the lordship of *Ralph de Beaufoe*, and *Ricard* held it of him, but *Fader* was lord in the reign of the Confessor, when it consisted of 3 carucates and a half of land, 9 villains, 7 borderers, 3 servi, 6 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, &c. a carucate and a half amongst the tenants, paunage for 30 swine, a mill, a fishery, and the fourth part of a salt-pit; one horse, 7 cows, &c. 80 sheep, and 4 bee-skeps, and 6 socmen had half a carucate of land and 2 acres of meadow, &c. valued then at 40*s.* after at 3*l.* *per ann.* and a freeman had 60 acres of land under *Herold*, with 2 borderers and an acre and half of meadow, &c. valued then at 5*s.* after at 4*s.* the soc belonged to the King's manor of *Mileham.* Here was a church endowed with 30 acres, valued at 16*d.* the whole was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 7½*d.* gelt.[1]

Of this *Ralph de Beaufoe*, see in *Swanton-Morley* lordship, and of his descendants.

Ralph de Caineto, or *Cheyney*, was lord, as was *John* his son, whose sister and coheir, *Sibil*, was married to *William Fitz Robert*, brother of *John Fitz-Robert*, to whom Bishop *Eborard*, in the reign of *Henry* I. granted the lordship of *Blickling* in *Norfolk*; which *William* left 3 daughters and coheirs; *Margaret*, the wife first of *Hugh de Cressi*, after of *Robert Fitz-Roger*; *Clementia*, of *Jordan de Sackvile*; and *Sarah*, of *Richard Engaine*, who in 1191 gave the King 200 marks to have possession of his wife's inheritance; but in 1217 *Jordan de Sackvile* and *Vitalis Engaine*, son of *Richard*, released their rights herein to *Margaret de Cressi*, and so it came entirely into that family.

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[1] Terra R. de Bellofago—In Lechesham tenuit Fader T. R. E. iii car. tre. et dim mo. tenet Ricardi'. tc. ix vill. p' viii mo. v. sep. vii bor. tc. iii ser. vi ac. p'ti tc. et p' ii car. in d'nio. mo. i et alia posset restaurari sep. i car. et dim. hom. silva xxx por. sep. i mol. tc. i pisc. et quarta pars saline. sep. i. r. tc. vii animal. tc. xxiiii por. mo. v tc. LXXX ov. mo. CCX iiii vasa apum, et vi soc. dim car. tre. et ii ac. pti. sep. i car. tc. val. XL sol. p' et mo. LX et i lib. ho. LX. ac. tre. sub Heroldo et ii bor. et i ac. et dim. p'ti. tc. dim. car sed posset fieri, tc. val. v sol mo. iiii soca in Muleham. i eccelia xxx ac. et val. xviid. totu' ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et viid. et i obolum de gelto.

But it is more probable that this manor was not in the *Cressies*[2] till *Roger de Cressi*, son of *Hugh*, obtained it on his marriage with *Isabel*, daughter and coheir of *Hubert de Rie* in the 9th of King *John*, and died possessed of it in the 30th of *Henry* III. in right of his wife;[3] *Ralph de Beaufoe's* daughter and heir being married to *Hubert de Rie*, castellan of *Norwich*.

About the end of *Henry* III. *A°*. 52, that King is said to have granted to *William de Valentia* and *Joan* his wife, and their heirs, the manor of *West Lexham*, *Filby*, *Posswyk*, &c. in *Norfolk*, which came to him as an eschaet; and in the 3d of *Edward* I. the said *William de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke* claimed the assise, free warren, &c. in this lordship: he was son of *Hugh de Brun* Earl of *March* in *France*, by *Isabel* his wife, widow of *John* King of *England*, sole daughter to the Earl of *Angolesme*, and took his name from the place of his nativity, and being brother by his mother to King *Henry* III. was sent for into *England*, together with *Guy de Lezinian*, his elder brother, and had a grant of many lordships, and through the influence of King *Henry* married *Joan*, daughter of *William*, and sister and heir to her brother *William de Monchensi*, great barons of this realm, by whom he had 3 sons, but was succeeded in his honour and inheritance by the youngest, *Aymer*, or *Adomare de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke*, who held this town *in capite* by the service of 3 carrats of gold (*unam obolum aurj*) *per ann.*[4] He attended Queen *Isabel* of *England* into *France*, and was on *June* 23, 1323, murthered there, as appears by the eschaet rolls, and dying without issue, this lordship was delivered, in the 19th of *Edward* III. to *David de Strabolgi* Earl of *Athol*, son of *John de Strabolgi* Earl of *Athol* in *Scotland*, (executed as a traitor in the 34th of *Edward* I.) *David* the son being restored in blood, and a great favourite in the reign *Edward* II. and having married *Joan*, daughter of *John Comyn*, (by *Joan*, his wife, one of the sisters and coheirs of *Adomare*, aforesaid, Earl of *Pembroke*,) and sister and coheir of *John Comyn*, Lord of *Badenagh* in *Tindale*.

In this family it continued till the death of *David de Strabolgi* Earl of *Athol*, on *October* 10, in the 49th of *Edward* III. who had been summoned to parliament as a baron in the 39th, 42d, &c. of that King, and served in the wars of *France*, leaving by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Henry* Lord *Ferrers* of *Groby*, two daughters and coheirs, *Elizabeth* and *Philippa*.

Elizabeth, the eldest daughter, married Sir *Thomas Percy*: the said Sir *Thomas* had livery in the 1st of *Richard* II. of that purparty of inheritance which came to her from the Earl of *Pembroke*. This *Elizabeth* in an old writing is called widow of Sir *Thomas Percy*, junior, in the 12th of *Rich.* II. and then granted to Sir *John de Halsham* and *Philippa* his wife, (her sister and coheir,) her right herein: it is said that she proved her age in the 5th of *Edward* III. and in the next year married Sir *Thomas Percie*, and remarried *John Le Scroop*, and was his wife in the 15th of *Richard* II.

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[2] See in Swanton-Morley.

[3] Dugd. Baron. vol. i. p. 708.

[4] See Dugd. vol. i. p. 774.

Philippa, the youngest sister and coheir, is said by *Dugdale* to marry Sir *Ralph Percy*, brother to Sir *Thomas*, younger sons of the Earl of *Northumberland*, and after Sir *John Halsham*, by whom she had *John Halsham*, who was found to be their heir to this lordship in the 19th of *Richard* II. and appears to be lord in the 3d of *Henry* V.

Sir *Hugh de Halsham* died seized of it in the 20th of of *Henry* VI. *Petronilla*, his 2d wife, surviving, leaving *Joan*, (daughter and heir of *Rich. Halsham*, his brother, and wife of *John Lewkenore*, Esq.) his heir; and it was settled by *John Lewkenore* of *Sussex*, by fine, on *Thomas Randolf*, with the manors of *Filby*, *Posswick*, and *Stiveky*.

Soon after this it came to the *Boleyns* of *Blickling*, and Sir *William Boleyn* died possessed of it in 1505.

King *Edward* VI. in his 2d year granted license to Sir *James Boleyn*, to alien it to *John Calibut*, Esq. and his heirs, with a fold course in this town, *East Lexham*, *Dunham Magna*, *Newton*, and *Castleacre*; and by an inquisition taken at *Castleacre*, *April* 17, in the 7th of *Elizabeth*, *Bridget Calybut*, widow of *John Calybut*, Esq. was found to die seized of it *February* 20, last, and *John* was her son and heir, aged 30; and by another inquisition taken at *Swaffham*, *June* 16, in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, *John Calybut*, Esq. was found to die at *Upton* in *Northamptonshire*, *October* 23, past, lord of this manor,[5] and left four daughters and coheirs, *Margaret*, *Anne*, *Susan*, and *Elizabeth*, which *Elizabeth*, with her husband *Bernard Witfeld*, had license to alien her part in the 15th of the said Queen, to *Robert Cuddon*, and in the 18th of the said reign, *Philip Audley* and *Margaret* his wife, another of the daughters, had license to alien it to *Arthur Downing* and *Susan* his wife, another of the coheirs.

In the 2d of *James* I. Sir *Edward Coke* was lord of the whole.

John Coke, Esq. possessed it in 1659, and his descendant, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Leicester*, died lord in 1759.

The tenths were 1*l*. 14*s*.—Deduct 8*s*. 8*d*.

The Earl *Warren's* manor of *East Lexham* extended into this town, of which see there.

Roger, who was dapifer to the Earl *Warren*, and lord, gave to the monks of *Castleacre*, for the health of *Odo* his brother, and *William* his father, one mark *per ann.* rent out of his mill at *Lexham*, situate on the west side of the town, witnesses, *Henry de Rye*, *Ralph* and *Baldwin de Frevill*.[6]

Richard de Sancto Claro, or *St. Cleer*, gave the said monks his right in the church in free alms for ever, for the health of his own and wife's soul, his heirs and ancestors, with all the liberties thereto belonging; witnesses, *Ketel* the dean, *Aluric* the priest. *Umfrey de Dunham*, *Robert Tusard*, &c.

The church is dedicated to St. *Nicholas*, and was given to the priory of *Petreston*.

Simon Bishop of *Norwich* granted (or appropriated) to the said priory (to relieve their poor estate) the church of *West Lexham* of their patronage, after the death of *Benedict (Anglici) English*, to be possessed to their own use, except the vicarage; the prior to have all the tithe of garbs, with a moiety of the land and messuage belonging to the church, dated at *Crec (Creek* by *Burnham)* 4 of the ides of

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[5] See in Castleacre.

[6] Regist. Castleac.

August in the 2d year of his pontificate, 1259;[7] and in 1265, the said Bishop confirmed to the priory of *Castleacre* the tithes of the land called *Kalveswide* of the demean of *William,* son of *Richard de Lechesham;* also two parts of the tithe of the demean, formerly *Roger de Cressi's,* in this town.

And an agreement was made between *John,* the prior of *Castleacre,* and his convent, and *Roger,* the prior, and convent of *Petreston;* that whereas the monks of *Castleacre* had let to farm to the monks of *Petreston,* and their successours, two parts of all the tithes of the demeans formerly *Roger de Cressi's* and *William de Lexham's* and all the land called *Rabnelwood,* belonging to the monastery of *Castleacre,* lying in *West Lexham,* for 40*s. per ann.* to be paid to the monks of *Castleacre* for the use of the sacrist, at two terms; and on default of payment, the monks of *Petreston* were liable to be excommunicated by the Bishop of *Norwich;* for the payment of the said 40*s.* they tied all their lands and tenements in *Rucham,* to be seized, and their goods distrained by the Earl *Warren's* bailiffs, or the bailiff of the sheriff of *Norfolk* for the time being; in witness whereof two instruments were made, one to be kept by the monks of *Castleacre,* sealed with the seal of the priory of *Petreston,* and another by the monks of *Petreston,* sealed with the seal of the monks of *Castleacre;* dated at *Castleacre* on *Saturday* the feast of the assumption of the Blessed Virgin *Mary,* 1299.

The priory of *Petreston* had the patronage of the church in 1229.

The rectory anciently was valued at 5 marks, paid *Peter*-pence 6*d.* —The vicarage at 40*s.*

VICARS.

Thomas de Reedham, vicar, *sans date.*

1339, *Roger de Barsham,* vicar, presented by the prior and convent of *Peterston.*

1349, *Bartholomew de Wighton. Ditto.*

1356, *John Ingland. Ditto.*

1357, *John de Wesenham, Ditto.*

1372, *John de Narford. Ditto.*

1375, *John Shaver. Ditto.*

1379, *John Fuller. Ditto.*

1401, *Richard Bangot. Ditto.*

1403, *Richard Bytering. Ditto.*

1419, *Thomas Heyme. Ditto.*

1432, *John Gedney,* canon of *Petreston. Ditto.*

1446, *William Ogill,* presented by the Bishop of *Norwich,* the priory of *Petreston* being united to the priory of *Walsingham.*

Robert Cantele, vicar.

1455, *William Bishop,* by the Bishop of *Norwich.*

1476, *James Panche. Ditto.*

1513, *Richard Brown.*

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[7] Regist. Castleac.

RECTORS.

1517, *William Amflete,* presented by the prior and convent of *Castleacre,* when it is said to be a rectory valued at 8 marks.

1521, *Richard Elder. Ditto.*

1555, *William Mombray* by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk,* who had a grant of the advowson from King *Henry* VIII. on the dissolution of the priory, *December* 22, *A°.* 29.

1560, *John Jackson. Ditto.*

1577, *Thomas Morton,* by *Edward Morton,* yeoman.

1630, *William Morton,* by *Thomas Morton:* this *William* was sequestered, and in

1654, *John Jequis,* an usurper, held it.

1661, *Edward Fitlin,* A.M. by Sir *Philip Woodhouse,* Bart.

1672, *Thomas Brown. Ditto.*

1689, *Richard Brown,* by *Edmund Woodhouse,* Esq.

1702, *John George. Ditto.*

1742, *Thomas George,* by Sir *John Woodhouse,* Bart.

The Rev. Mr. *George* is the present rector, and Sir *Armine Woodhouse,* Bart. patron, and is valued at *5l.* 11*s.* 6*d. ob.* and is discharged of tenths, &c.

The Church is a single pile with a chancel covered with thatch, and a round tower at the west end.

The town takes its name from its site on a low marshy ground and meadows; *Leche* is also the name of a river in *Gloucestershire.*

EAST LEXHAM.

EAST LEXHAM MANOR.

The principal lordship of this village was in King *Edward's* reign possessed by *Oschetel,* and after by *Federic,* but at the survey *William* Earl *Warren* held it *in capite* for a manor, having two carucates of land, and 8 borderers, at the survey 12, and 4 servi, with 2 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 amongst the men, paunage for 30 swine, a mill, and 12 socmen had a carucate of land, formerly 3, now 2 in demean, 4 runci, now 3, 8 cows, now 9, &c. and there were 200 sheep, valued always at 40*s. per ann.*[8]

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[8] Tre Willi. de Warenna——In Leccesham tenet id. qd. tenuit Oschetel lib. ho. T. R. E. p' Federicus p. man. ii car. tre. tc. viii bord. mo. xii tc. iiii ov. ii ac. pti. semp. ii car. in dominio. tc. i car. hom. modo. ii silv. de xxx porc. semp. i molin. et xii soc. i car. tre. tc. iii car. modo. ii in d'nio. iiii runc. modo iii tc. viii an. modo ix semp. xxiiii porc. et cc ovs. semp. val. xl sol.

This *William*, the first Earl *Warren*, granted this lordship and many others to *Wimerus* his dapifer, whose posterity enjoyed it, and from them it came to the *Stutviles, Foliots, Hastings*, and to the *L'Estranges*, as may be seen at large in *Gressenhale*. *Hamon Le Strange*, Esq. died possessed of it in the 22d of *Elizabeth*, and *Thomas* was found his son and heir.

Sir *Philip Wodehouse* of *Kimberley*, and *Grisel* his wife, daughter of *William Yelverton*, Esq. of *Rougham*, and late widow of *Thomas L'Estrange*, Esq. of *Hunstanton*, held it in the 31st of *Elizabeth*, and *Edmund Wodehouse*, Esq. second son of Sir *Philip Wodehouse*, dying lord sans issue in 1727, it came to his nephew, Sir *John Wodehouse*, Bart. in which family it continues.

ROUSE'S MANOR.

The manor also of *Hermerus de Ferrarjis*,[9] ancestor of the Lords *Bardolf* in *Litcham*, extended into this town: and this part was held by Sir *Richard le Rus* in the reign of *Henry* III. who dying in the 6th year of *Edward* I. *Alan* was found to be his son and heir, and a minor, who is said to have been born and baptized in this town, and in the 15th of that King, *Alan*, son of Sir *Richard le Rousse* was found to have view of frank pledge, assise of bread and beer of his tenants here, and by the eschaet rolls in the 3d of *Edward* III. *Alan le Rous* was found to have held here, in *Dunham*, &c. one fee of the Lord *Bardolf*.

After the *Rouses* it came to the *Lexhams*, a family that took their name from this village. *Richard de Lechesham* lived in the 8th of *Richard* I. when *William de Huntingfield* and *Isabel* his wife conveyed 60 acres of land to him in this town, by fine, and *William*, son of *Richard de Lechesham*, gave the monks of *Castleacre* all the tithes of his land called *Raleswode*.

Edmund de Lexham son of *John* was living in the 6th of *Edward* I. and lord of *Norton*: *John de Lechesham* was living in the 26th of *Edward* I. and *Edmund de Lechesham*, son of *John*, in the 15th of *Edward* II.; to this *Edmund*, *Edmund de Leche* of *Beeston*, and *Margaret* his wife, passed lands in *East* and *West Lexham*, *Newton*, and *Dunham Magna*, in the 14th of that King, by fine.

This *Edmund* and *John* his father were lords also of *Pudding-Norton* by *Fakenham*, and in the 17th of the aforesaid King, *Edmund de Lexham* settled 6 messuages, with lands in the *Lexhams*, *Newton*, &c. on himself for life, remainder to *John*, son of *Catherine de Gourney* and *Joan* his wife, in tail, *Edmund de Lexham* and *Maud* his wife were living in the 20th of *Edward* III.

Soon after this it came, probably by marriage, or heirship, to the *Mundfords*. *John de Munford* was lord of *Pudding-Norton* (and I presume of this) in the 21st of *Edward* III. as was *Osbert Mundeford* in the 46th of *Edward* III. and *Osbert* his son, who died about the year 1400, was found to hold in this town, and in *Dunham Magna*, half a fee of the Lord *Bardolf*. *Osbert* was his son and heir, whose will is dated in 1456; and was found to die seized of the manor of *Rouse's* in this town, &c.

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[9] See in Litcham, and Dunham Magna,

By *Mary*, sole daughter and heir of *Osbert Mundeford*, Esq. it came by marriage to *William Tindale*, with the manors of *Hockwold* and *Pudding-Norton*, who was created knight at the creation of *Arthur* Prince of *Wales*, and in the 26th of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Thomas Tindall* of *Hockwold*, Knt. settled it on dame *Winefrede* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Cawse*, alderman of *Norwich*, widow, first of *Henry Dynne* of *Heydon* in *Norfolk*, Esq. and secondly of Sir *Henry Fermour* of *East Barsham*.

In the 32d of *Henry* VIII. *John Wright* of *Kilverstone* died seized of the manor of *Tindal's* and *Rouse's* in *East Lexham*, parcel of the possessions of Sir *Thomas Tindale*, and it was in the *Wrights* till *John Wright* of *East Lexham* sold it, about 1656, to Sir *Philip Woodhouse*, in which family it remains, Sir *Armine Woodhouse*, Bart. being lord of the whole town.

The tenths were 42*s*.—Deduct 6*s*.

The temporalities of *Castleacre* priory in 1428, were 3*s*. *per ann.*; of the monks of *Thetford* 5*s*.; *Langley* abbey 8*d*.; St. *Faith's* priory 15*d*.; and of *Westacre* priory 5*s*.

Roger, *dapifer* to the Earl *Warren*, son of *William*, lord of the honour of *Gressenhale*, gave to the monks of *Acre*, for the soul of *Oddo* his brother, and *William* his father, one mark of silver out of his mill of *Lechesam*, and also the said mill, except 11*s*. which *Baldwin de Frevill* had in the said mill:[1] *Basilia*, wife of *Baldwin*, gave them 2*s*. in pure alms, for the soul of her husband, out of the 11*s*. rent paid by them for the aforesaid mill, which grant she laid upon the altar before *Walter de Winebotsham*, *William de Walton*, *John Capelane de Newton*, *Ralph de Neketon*, *sans date*.

Sir *Richard le Rus* of *East Lexham*, Knt. gave them 5 acres in *Lechesham* at *Markegate*; also 12*s*. *per ann.* to be paid by his son *Ralph* of lands called *Cranweswong*, with his body to be buried in their church of *Castleacre* priory.

Wimer, *dapifer* to the first Earl *Warren*, gave the church of *Lexham East*, to the priory of *Castleacre*, with all the land belonging to the church, the tithe of his manor, and the advowson, before the death of *Hubert* Bishop of *Norwich*, in the reign of *Henry* I. *Drogo*, son of *William Dapifer*, his descendant, confirmed of it; and *William de Stutevile* acknowledged, by a fine levied in the 40th of *Henry* III. before *Henry de Bath*, Mr. *Symon de Wanton*, *Robert de Shotingdon*, and *John de Cokefield*, the King's justices, the right of patronage to be in *John*, prior, and the convent of that house, and the said *William* granted to the prior a mark rent out of *Tudenham*, &c.

The ancient valor of this church, which is a rectory, is dedicated to St. *Andrew*, was 10 marks, *Peter*-pence 6*d*.; the present valor is 8*l*. 5*s*. 11*d*. *ob*. and is discharged of tenths, &c.

RECTORS.

Master *Lambert*, presented by *Hugh*, the prior, and convent about 1190.

John de Norton, rector, presented 1300 by the prior and convent of *Castleacre*.

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[1] Regist. Castleac. fol. 27.

1320, *John de Poperyng*, by the prior, &c.

1323, *William de Boulge*, a papal provision.

1330, *John de Helegy*, by the prior, &c.

1356, *Henry de Redgrave.*

1357, *John Pilleston*, by papal provision

1360, *John de Clere.*

1376, *John de Walpole*, by the prior, &c.

1386, *William de Horndon. Ditto.*

1394, *John de Swarsby. Ditto.*

John Smith, rector.

1444, *John Norman. Ditto.*

1484, *Nicholas Palmer. Ditto.*

1486, *Thomas Gouwant. Ditto.*

John Symson, rector.

1507, *Thomas Rychardson. Ditto.*

1541, *William Burton*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk.*

Thomas, the prior of *Castleacre*, conveyed by fine the patronage to King *Henry* VIII. in his 29th year, and on *December* 22, in the said year, the King granted it to the Duke.

1564, *Thomas Bertie. Ditto.*

1567, *John Jackson*, by *Nicholas Mynne*, Esq.

1575, *William Simson*, by *Ham. L'Estrange*, Esq.

1614, *Edward Sheene*, by *Thomas Sheene.*

1649, *Edward Fitlin*, by Sir *Philip Woodhouse.*

1671, *Henry Tyrrell. Ditto.*

1672, *Thomas Brown. Ditto.*

1689, *Richard Brown*, by *Edmund Woodhouse*, Esq.

1702, *John George. Ditto.*

1741, *Peter Smith*, (the present rector,) by Sir *John Wodehouse*, Bart.

The church is a single pile, covered with lead, the chancel with glazed gutter tile, and has a four-square steeple embattled with brick.

In it were the guilds of the purification of the Virgin *Mary*, of the *Trinity*, and the light of the holy sepulchre.

In the chancel lies a grave-stone

In memory of William Alpe who died January 1629, *aged* 83.

Beloved of rich, and pious to the poor,
Fewe in his time livyng deserved more.

LITCHAM.

NETHERHALL MANOR.

Part of this town was a beruite, or manor depending on the capital manor or honour of *Mileham,* held by *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury,* a lay fee in his own right, and was deprived of it by the Conqueror, and farmed of him by *William de Noiers;* 4 carucates of land belonged to it, 9 villains and 11 borderers, and 5 servi, with 4 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, and 9 amongst the tenants, only 5 at the survey, but the rest might be recovered, also 2 socmen with 4 acres and a half of land, one runcus, one cow, and 16 swine, 104 sheep, and 20 goats, and was valued in *Mileham.*[2]

Soon after this, *Alan,* son of *Flaald,* to whom the Conqueror granted the manor of *Mileham,* had also this with it as an appendix to, or part of, the said manor. This *Alan* was ancestor of the noble family of the *Fitz Alans* Earls of *Arundel,* and lords this manor and of *Mileham,* to which town, for an account of them, I refer the reader.

Alan granted it to *Sewald,* with the hundred of *South-Greenhow,* and *Launditch,* to hold of him and his heirs; of this *Sewald* was *John Le Strange,* descended, (as may be seen in the hundred of *Launditch,*) who in the 52d of *Henry* III. held here one fee, was of age, and not a knight; and in the 55th of *Henry* III. having impleaded the rector of *Litcham* for keeping the evidences of his lordship from him, released the action by deed dated at *Knokyn,* which shows that this family was related to that of *Knokyn,* in *Shropshire;* by *Isabella* his wife he had two sons, *John* and *Ralph; John,* the eldest, married *Clementia,* relict (as it is said) of *Jordan de Sackvile,* and daughter of Sir *William de Burgh.*

In the 14th of *Edward* I. *Baldwin de Frevyle,* appears to have some interest herein, and sued his bailiff, *Richard de Clerk,* to give him an account of what he had received here, in *Wellingham,* and *Wesenham*; and in the same year he impleaded *John le Strange de la Marche,* to acquit him of the service and payment of 15*s.* scutage, which *Robert Burnel* Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells* demanded of him for the manor which he held for the life of the said *John,* belonging to *Richard Fitz Alan* Earl of *Arundel,* then in the custody of that Bishop, his guardian.

The jury, in the 15th of that King, find that the said *Baldwin de Frevyle* claimed frank pledge by the view of the King's bailiff, assise, weyf and stray in this manor; and in the 20th year of the said King a fine was levied between *John* son of *Ralph L'Strange* of *Lutcham* and *Isabell* his wife, querents, and *John de Waltham*, parson of *Snoring Parva*, and *Richard de Sutton*, their trustees, deforciants of several messuages, 140 acres of land, a mill, 15 acres of meadow, 15 of marsh, 15 of heath, 29*s.* 8*d.* rent in *Lucham, Mileham, Titeshale, Stanford* and *Bittering Parva*, settled on *John Waltham*, who reconveyed them to *John*, son of *Ralph* and *Isabel*, for their lives, remainder to *John* (son of the aforesaid *John*) and *Clementia* his wife.

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[2] Tre Stigandi Epi. quas custodit W. de Noiers. — Huic manerio (Mileham) semp. jacet i beruita Licham, iiii car. tre. semp. ix vill. et xi bord. et v ser. et iiii ac. p'ti. semp. ii car. in d'nio. tnc. et p. ix car. hom. mo. v et alie possent restaurari. et ii soc iiii ac. tre. et dim. semp. i. r. et i an. et xvi porc. et ciiii ov. et xx cap.

This *John*, son of *John*, on whom the remainder abovementioned was settled, died, as appears from the eschaet rolls, in the 33d of *Edward* I. and *Ralph* was then found to be his brother and heir; but by a fine levied in the 2d of *Edward* II. *John*, brother of *Ralph*, left a son of his own name, as may be seen in *Wellingham*, and it seems to be entailed on *Ralph*.

Of this family was *Alice*, daughter of Sir *John L'Strange*, to whom Sir *John Gedding* sold, for 63 marks, all the messuages, lands, homages, rents, &c. in this town, by deed *sans date*.

After this I find it in the family of *De Felton*, who had an interest here in the reign of *Henry* III. when *Robert de Felton* held half a fee of *John le Strange de la Marche*, that is, of the marshes in *Wales*, &c. and *John*, of the *Fitz Alans*, lords of *Mileham*; and in the 25th year of *Edward* I. *Robert de Felton* had the grant of a mercate every week at his manor of *Lucham*, and a fair yearly on the day and morrow of the feast of *All-Saints*, with free-warren: this seems to be that *Robert* who was knighted at *Westminster* about this time, with 300 young gentlemen, sons of noblemen and knights, at the feast of *Pentecost*, with great solemnity, at the high altar in the abbey church, on the creation of the King's son, Prince of *Wales*, who was knighted also with them; in the roll he is styled *Robert*, son of *Robert*, son of *Pagan*; and *John de Felton* was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II.

Sir *Thomas Felton*, sen. granted in the 5th of *Edward* III. to *Richard de Lambeth*, citizen of *London*, 40*l. per ann.* out of his manor of *Lutcham*, and in the 20th of that King, *Sibill de Felton* was found to hold half a fee of the Earl of *Arundel*; and Sir *Thomas de Felton*, Knt. of the Garter, died seized of it in or about the 4th of *Richard* II. with the advowson of the church, and *Mary*, his eldest daughter, by *Joan* his wife, was found to be married to Sir *Edmund Hengrave*, and *Sibilla* to Sir *Thomas de Morley*: Sir *Thomas Felton* was governour of *Aquitain* in *France*, and taken prisoner in 1377.

It does not appear that either *Hengrave* or *Morley* had any interest in this lordship.

Joan de Felton,[3] widow of Sir *Thomas*, held it in the 4th of *Henry* IV. by half a fee, of the Earl of *Arundel*, and on her death (as I take it) it came to *Cecilia*, daughter of *John Breton*, Esq. of *Wychingham Magna*, by *Mary* his wife, daughter of Sir *Hamon de Felton*; who released to Sir *Thomas Erpingham* and his heirs, all her right in the manor of *Felton's* called *Netherhall*, in *Litcham*, and in the advowson of the church, in the 10th of the aforesaid King.

In the pedigree of the *Wodehouses* of *Kimberley*,[4] Sir *Edward*

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[3] Joan was daughter and coheir of Sir Richard Walkefare, Knt.

[4] See Blomfield's Hist. of Norf. vol. ii. ad fin.

"*Wodehouse*, who lived in the reign of *Richard* II. *A°*. 1378, is said "to have married a daughter and coheir of - - - - *Erpingham*," and that one of the family married *Joan*, a daughter and coheir of Sir *Thomas Erpingham*, who brought the manor of *Netherhall* in this town into the family, is certain; but as Sir *Thomas Erpingham* was living in the reigns of *Henry* V. and VI. and died in 1426, it could not be his daughter and coheir *Joan*, who married the aforesaid Sir *Edward Wodehouse*.

John Wodehouse, Esq. famous in the wars of *France*, at *Agincourt*, &c. was an intimate friend and fellow soldier with *Erpingham*, being grandson of Sir *Edward Wodehouse* aforesaid, and died 1439.

This lordship was given by Sir *Edward Wodehouse*, Bart. in the reign of *Charles* the 2d, to *Edmund* his second son, on whose death, in 1727, it came to Sir *John Wodehouse*, and his son Sir *Armine Wodehouse* is lord.

EAST HALL

Was in the days of King *Edward*, the lordship of *Turchetel*, but on the Conquest was granted to *Hermerus de Ferrarijs*, ancestor of the Lords *Bardolf*, barons of *Wirmegay* in *Norfolk*, when it contained 3 carucates of land, 3 villains, 3 borderers, 4 servi, 8 acres of meadow 2 carucates in demean, one amongst the tenants, &c. a mill, and 3 socmen held 4 acres and one virgate of land, &c. the moiety of the church, with 4 acres, and there belonged to the lord half a carucate of land, 2 borderers, the 4th part of a mercate, and *William* held it under *Hermerus*, and half a carucate, with 2 acres of meadow, &c. in *Thorp*, (*Wesenham*,) valued at *50s*. and *10s*. over: the whole was 8 furlongs long, 6 broad, including a manor in *Roughum*, and paid *7d*. gelt.[5]

This lordship of the Lord *Bardolf* extended also into *Dunham Magna*, and *East Lexham*: that part of it which was in this town seems to be held by Sir *John Gedding*, and conveyed by him to *Alice*, daughter of Sir *John Strange*, for 63 marks, by deed *sans date*, as I have above mentioned.

In the 8th of *Richard* II. *Thomas Gardiner*, Esq lord of *Gissing*, held in right of his wife *Cecilia*, daughter of *John Breton*, Esq. and *Mary* his wife above mentioned a fourth part of this lordship, and in the 9th of the said King, a fine was levied, wherein *John Petere* of *Long-Stratton*, and *Claricia*, his wife, convey to *Joan*, widow of Sir *Thomas de Felton*, *John de Waltham*, and *John Churchman*, her trustees the manor of *East Hall* in *Lutcham*, and lands in *Titleshale*, from the heirs of *Claricia*, and in 13th of the said reign, the Lord *Bardolf* was found to hold in this town, *East Lexham*, *Dunham Magna*, *Elingham Magna*, and *Kempston* 5 fees.

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[5] Terre Hermeri—Letham ten. Turchetel lib. ho. T. R. E. iii. car. tre. p. man. tc. et p' iiii vill. mo. iii tc. et p' iiii bord. mo. iii tc. et p' iiii serv. mo. viii ac. pti. sep. ii car. in d'nio. et i car. hom. silva. vii por. et semp. i molin. et iii soc. iiii ac. terre et i virgata. tc. ii runc. tc. ix an. modo. iii sep. xxvii porc. tc. cc ov. mo. cc. xx dim. ecc'lia iiii ac. huic manerio jacet dim. car. terre sep. ii bord. et quarta pars uni'mercati. mo. ten. Will. tc. i car. mo. dim. car. et. ii pti. sep. xxv ov. et ii porc. hoc est in Torp. tc. et p' val. xl. sol. mo. l et sup. eu' x sol.——Totu' Lecham vii quar in longo et vi in lat. quicu'q; ibi teneat, et viid. et i obsolu' de gelto.

Sir *John Tiptoft* had in right of his wife *Jocosa,* the third part of this manor 180, acres of land, 4 of pasture, the third part of a water-mill, with rents of assise, and perquisites of court, by the 40th part of a fee: the lady *Jocosa* was a daughter and coheir of *Edward Cherlton* Lord *Powys,* by *Alianore* his wife, daughter of *Thomas,* and sister, and coheir to *Edmund Holland* Earl of *Kent,* widow of *Roger Mortimer* Earl of *March, Joan,* the other daughter and coheir of *Edward* Lord *Powys,* being married to Sir *John Grey.*

After this it came to Sir *Thomas Erpingham,* who was lord of the whole, and by his daughter and coheir *Joan,* to ------ *Wodehouse,* and Sir *Edward Wodehouse,* by a fine levied in the 18th of *Edward* IV. was lord of *East Hall* and *Nether Hall.*

Temporalities of the the prioress of *Carrow* in 1428, 6*d*.; of *Westacre* 6*d*.; of *Castleacre* 6*d*.

Agnes, widow of *Ralph L'Strange* of *Lutham,* gave to *Castleacre* priory 2*s*. rent *per ann.* payable by *Edrich* of *Southacre,* confirmed by *John* her son, *sans date.*

Benedict, prior of *Castleacre,* granted to *Michael Harold* of *Titleshale* 6 acres of land in *Lucham,* paying 3*s*. *per ann.*— witnesses, *Alexander de Acra, Reyner de Acra,* &c.

The town takes its name from the river *Leche,* or *Litch,* that runs by it, as *Lechelade* in *Gloucestershire,* &c.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints,* is a neat, regular pile, with a nave covered with reed, a north and south isle, and a chancel covered with lead; at the west end of the nave, a square tower of brick, with coins of free-stone, and embattled, with a clock and dial, built by *Mathew Halcot,* a tanner, who new cast the bells, and gave the clock.

In the nave lie several gravestones;

In memory of Philippa, wife of John Baly, and relict of Edward Girling, Gent. who died August 24, 1752, *aged* 52.

For, *John Neale, Gent. son of John Neale, merchant in Wisbeach, and uncle to the late excellent rector of this parish, who died Feb.* 12, 1727, *aged* 66.

In memory of Hellen Lawrence, widow, who died Jan. 16, 1741, *aged* 88 *years, and near to her lyeth Mathew Helcot, and Franc. Lawrence, Gent. her two husbands.*

For, *Mathew Halcot, Gent. who died* 1688, *æt.* 36, with a Latin inscription, and one for *Mat. Halcot, Gent. who died August* 7, 1707, *aged* 34.

Against the wall of the tower, fronting the nave, a mural monument of marble;

In memory of John Glover, Gent. erected by Martha his real sorrowful widow, who to perpetuate his memory has given 40*s*. *per ann. payable out of lands in this parish, by the minister and church-wardens to the poor thereof, on the feast day of St. John the Evangelist, he died May* 23, 1741, *in his* 48*th year*; with these arms on the summit, *sable,* a fess embattled, *ermin,* between three crescents, *argent.*

In the chancel a stone

In memory of John Wastell Gent. of this parish, who died April 19, 1710, *aged* 73.—*For John Wastell, Gent. who died July* 13, 1732, *aged* 54.

One,

In memory of Edward Girling, late of Litcham, Gent. son of Edward and Ann Girling of Norwich, who died March 27, 1736, *aged* 30.—*Vixit Legis municipalis peritus, in praxi sagax, integer, erga Deum pius, conjugis amans, erga parentes moriger amicis gratus, omnibus flebilis;* and this shield, *argent*, on a bend, per pale, *gules* and *azure*, between two bendlets engrailed, *sable*, three lis of the first.

In the rails of the communion table, a grave-stone

In memory of William Neale, the late worthy rector of this parish, and vicar of Kempston, son of John Neale,[5] *late rector of Mileham, and Elizabeth his wife died June* 30, 1741. *aged* 56.

An altar monument in the church yard;

Reliquiæ Joh. Halcot, Gen. qui mortem obt. apud Lenne, 22 *die Martij, A. D.* 1678.

Another;

Corpus Matth. Halcot, Gent. qui hanc vitam meliori commutavit 30 *July,* 1675, *æt. suæ* 75, *cujus sumptibus hoc campanile penitus constructum fuit, &c.* 1669.

Also

Hic jacet corpus Joh. Halcot, Armig. de Medio Temple, Londinensi quond. socij filij Matt. Halcot. &c. qui dedit lagenam, et calicem argent. altari hujus ecclesiæ, natus 1648, *obt.* ----- *æt.* 33.

The ancient valor of the church of *Litcham*, with the portion of the prior of *Castleacre*, was 10 marks, *Peter*-pence 2*d. ob.*; present valor is 9*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

RECTORS.

1319, *Roger Bolewyk*, instituted, presented by Sir *John Felton.*
1349, *William Knyghtele*, by the lady *Sibilla Felton.*
1379, *Richard Rokel*, by Sir *Stephen Hales*, Knt. and *William de Rudham.*
1422, *Richard Smyth*, by Sir *Thomas Erpingham*, Knt.
1425, *Thomas Sharp*, by *ditto.*
1425, *Thomas Middleton.*
William Short.
1469, *John Aylware*, by *Roger Townsend*, Gent.
1474, Mr. *John Bomor*, by *ditto.*
1508, *Laur. Bomor*, by Sir *Thomas Wodehouse.*
1540, *John Chadwick*, by *Roger Wodehouse.*
1554, *Richard Russell*, by Sir *Roger Wodehouse.*
1556, *John Wynder*, by *ditto.*
1559, *John Chadwick*, by *ditto.*

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[5] This John left 2*s.* weekly to poor persons, and their dwelling-house.

1571, *Richard Pachet*, A.M. by the assignees of Sir *Roger Wodehouse.*

1573, *Robert Johnson*, by *Roger Wodehouse*, Esq.

1611, *Robert Painter*, by Sir *Thomas Wodehouse.*

Richard Lacy.

1617, *Edward Pagrave*, by *ditto*.

In 1642, *Luke Skippon* compounded as rector for his first fruits.

Thomas Wilson occurs rector in 1662.

1681, *Henry Tyrell*, A.M. by *Edmund Wodehouse*, Esq.

1684, *Franc. Amias*, by *ditto*.

1688, *John Cleaver*, by *ditto*.

1741, *Peter Smith*, by Sir *John Wodehouse*, Bart.

Dame *Mary Woodhouse*, relict of Sir *Roger*, in 1634, left 3*l. per ann.* to the prior, and *William Allee* 40*s. per ann.*

In this church was the guild of *All-Saints*, and that of St. *John* Baptist; the light of our Lady, and that of the resurrection.

On the common in this parish was anciently an hermitage, and *Thomas Cannon* was hermit here.

LONGHAM

Is not mentioned in *Domesday Book*, being part of the great manor of *Mileham*, and there accounted for.

About the end of *Henry* the Third's reign, *Isabel L'Estrange*, *Richard le Denys*, and *Nicholas de Skerning*, held lands here of the fee of the lord of *Mileham*.

In the 15th of *Edward* I. *John L'Estrange* had the assise, weyf, &c. of his tenants, and *Isabel L'Estrange*, widow, in the 34th of that King, conveyed it to *Ralph de Bagthorp*, and *Isabel* his wife. *Ralph* was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II.

Thomas Gunton, who gave name to this lordship, was found to possess it in the 20th of *Edward* III. and in the 17th of *Edward* IV. *John de Bokking*, who married *Cecilia*, daughter and heir of *William de Narburgh*, died seized of it in her right, *Richard Bokking*, Esq. his son, held it of the honour of *Mileham*: his will is dated *May* 24, 1505, and proved *November* 17, following, appoints *Margaret* his wife, executrix.[7]

Catherine, a daughter and heir of *Richard*, was the wife of *John Heydon* in the 35th of *Henry* VIII.

In the 25th of *Elizabeth*, *Edward Leverok*, Gent. and *Oliver Buckenham*, had a *præcipe* to deliver to *Thomas Overend*, and *Richard Atkins*, *Langham Hall*, *Gunton's*, and *Newhall*, in *Longham*.

Soon after this it came to Sir *Edward Coke*, lord chief justice, and the Right Honourable the late Earl of *Leicester*, his descendant, died lord in 1759.

[7] Reg. Rix, Norw.

Richard le Denys (and *Sibilla* his wife) had an interest in this village in *Henry* the Third's reign.

Thomas Pottere granted by fine to *Robert Pottere*, and *Claricia* his wife, in the 29th of *Edward* III. the fourth part of a fee, late *Deneys*, and soon after the said *Robert*, it was held by *James Brice* of *Thrandeston* and *Isabel* his wife, and of *Edward le Blound* and *Elizabeth* his wife, who were coheirs.

Hermerus de Ferrarijs had seized on the lands of a freeman, consisting of half a carucate of land, with one villain and a borderer, half a carucate, and 2 acres of meadow, &c. valued at *5s. per ann.* but the soc was in the lord of *Mileham*, in the King.[8]

Hermerus was ancestor of the Lords *Bardolf*.

Robert de Watlington, who gave name to this, was found to hold it in the reign of *Henry* III. by the 4th part of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf*.

Jeffrey Brussyard died possessed of it about the 3d of *Edward* III. and one of the same name was lord in the 3d of *Henry* IV.

John Fuller had a *præcipe* to render it to *Arthur Scarlet*, with a sheep-fold called *Prior's* in this town.

Soon after this the whole interest came to Sir *Edward Coke*, and the Earl of *Leicester* died lord of the whole town in 1759.

The tenths were 2*l.* 15*s.*;—Deducted 7*s.*; *Wendling* abbey temporalities 9*s.* 6*d.*; *Walsingham's* 1*l.* 10*s.*

The church was a rectory valued at 13 marks,

Robert de Kaam, and *Joan* his wife, *John de Florence* and *Sibilla* his wife, coheirs, released by fine to *William de Wendling* one acre of land, with the advowson; the said *William* gave it to *Wendling* abbey, to which it was appropriated, the church being dedicated to St. *Peter*.

In the 4th of *Elizabeth*, *Arthur Futter* had a grant of the appropriated rectory, possessed by *William Futter* in the 35th of *Elizabeth*, and came soon after to Sir *Edward Coke*, and the Earl of *Leicester* lately died seized of it, and named the curate.

MILEHAM.

THE capital manor of this town belonged to *Stigand* the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, in his own right, in the reign of *Edward* the Confessor, but on his being deposed, by *William* the Conqueror, it came into his hands, and *William de Noiers* held it, or farmed it of that King at the survey.

It was a very considerable lordship, and esteemed as an honour, containing in *Stigand's* time, 10 carucates of land, 20 villains, and 44 borderers, 6 servi, and 10 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, and another might be recovered, 24 carucates amongst the tenants, pauuage for 1000 swine, one mill, and a salt work; and 3 socmen held a carucate, &c. with 12 villains, 10 borderers, and 4 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, and 4 amongst the tenants, &c. and 4 socmen held 30 acres with one borderer; a carucate and 4 acres of meadow, a socman, and 1 carucate of land, and one socman, 8 acres, in the whole, and 10 borderers and 5 acres of pasture. Also 2 carucates in demean, 2 amongst the tenants, &c. 7 socmen with 40 acres of land, one borderer, and 4 acres of meadow; 2 carucates in demean, one runcus, or beast of burden, 13 cows, &c. 30 sheep, and 50 goats, &c. valued in the whole with its beruite, &c. at 30*l.* in King *Edward's* time, and at 60*l.* quitrent at the survey; it was 3 leucas long, and one broad, whoever holds it to farm.[9]

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[8] Invasio Hermeri de Ferrarijs—— In Lawingham i lib. ho. dim. car. tre. sep. i vill. et i bor. et dim. car. ii ac. p'ti. silva x por. val. v sol. et in hoc. n' com'd. soca in Muleham Regis.

Mel or *Mill* gives name to many towns; *Melbourn* in *Cambridgeshire; Melford* in *Suffolk; Milford* in *Hertfordshire,* and *Milbroke* in *Bedfordshire.*

This *William de Noiers* was a great favourite of the Conqueror's: he took care of or farmed under him also the following lordships in this county, *Hunston* in *Smethden* hundred;—*Methwold* in *Grimshoe* hundred; with *Croxton, Feltwell, Weting; Licham, Dunham, Bittering,* and *Kertling* in *Launditch* hundred; *Windham* in *Fourhow* hundred; *Thorp* in *Blofeld* hundred; *Somerton* in *West Flegg; Ameringhale* in *Heinsted* hundred; *Ersham, Denton, Aldby, Redenhale, Sterston, Rushale, Broadish,* in *Earsham* hundred; *Ditchingham, Mundham, Siling,* in *Lothing* hundred; *Horsted, Staninghale, Sprouston, Catton,* in *Taverham* hundred; *Lakenham* in *Humbleyard* hundred; *Colneston* in *Deepwade* hundred; *Toft, Hadesco, Stouton,* and *Ravingham* in *Clavering* hundred.

At the survey we see that King *William* was lord of this manor, but soon after *Alan,* son of *Flaald,* obtained it by the gift of *William* the Conqueror, also the castle of *Oswaldstrey* in *Shropshire,* with the territory adjoining, which belonged to *Meredith ap Blethyn,* a *Welshman* or *Briton,* and marrying the daughter and heir of *Warine,* sheriff of that county, had, in her right, the barony of the said *Warine.**

Alan and his father attended the Conqueror into *England.*

This *Alan* gave to the monks of *Castleacre* lands, and the orchard,

[9] Tre Stigandi epi. quas custodit W. de Noiers—— Meleham, ten. Stigand. T. R. E. x car. tre. sep. xx vill. et xLiiii bord. tnc. vi ser. p' et mo. i et x ae. p'ti semp. ii car. in d'nio et i car. posset restaur. tnc. xxiv. car. hom. p' et mo. xviiii et v possent restaurari silva M. por. semp. i mol. et i sal. et iii soc. i car. tre. et i ac. tc. et p' xii vill. mo. iiii sep. x bor. et iiii ac. p'ti tc. i car. in d'nio. p' et mo. dim. et dimidia posset restaurari. tnc. iiii car. hou. p' et mo. i et aliæ possent restaurari. tc. silva c por. mo. L et iiii soc. xxx ac. tre. et i bor. semp. i car. et iiii ac. p'ti et i soc. i car. tre. et i soc. viii ac. int' totu' x bord. et v ac. pti tnc. ii car. in d'nio. p' et mo. iii mo. ii car. hom. silva x porc. et vii soc. XL ac. tre. et i bord. et iiii ac. pti. semp. ii car. in d'nio. semp. i. r. et xiii an. et xxiiii porc. et xxx ov. et L cap. —— Totu' hoc. val. te'pe'r. E xxx lib. p' et mo. Lx lib. blancas. et ht. iii leug. in long. et in lato et xxviid. de gelto de xx sol. quicq. ibi terra' habeat.

It is not to be thought that all this was in Mileham, but is an account of lands lying in other townships, also depending on this capital manor or honour, as beruites belongihg to it, viz. Litcham, Dunham, &c. are valued with this lordship at 30l. in King Edward's time, and 60l. at the survey, and measured with it, in the whole, 3 leucas long, and one broad, and paid 27*d.* to a 30*s.* gelt.

* See Dugd. Baron. vol. i. p. 134, for this family.

(frutestam) which they enclosed at *Kempston,* and 20 acres at *Sporle* in *Norfolk,* which *Turchillus Rufus* held, and 3*s.* rent out of his mill at *Newton.*

Simon de Norfolk confirmed this gift of *Alan,* son of *Flaald,* and *Avelina* his mother, which *Wymark* held, and all the rest of his ancestors, of which they were seized the day that *Alan* purchased the honour of *Mileham,* also the mill at *Newton,* out of which the monks received 10*s.*

William Fitz-Alan was his son and heir, and married *Isabel,* daughter and heir of *Helias de Say,* niece to *Robert* Earl of *Gloucester,* lady of *Clun* in *Shropshire,* in whose right he became Baron of *Clun,* by whom he had *William* his son and successour, who, in the 12th of *Henry* II. certified his Knights fees to be in number 35 and an half, 19 *de veteri feoffamento,* and 16 and an half *de novo,* and died about the 19th of that King, leaving *William Fitz-Alan* his son and heir, who died about the 16th of King *John.*

In this year *Thomas de Erdington* gave 5000 marks for the wardship and marriage of his son and heir, *William Fitz-Alan,* to his daughter, but dying soon after, *John* his brother succeeded.

In the clause rolls of the 2d of *Henry* III. *William,* lately deceased was said to be lord of *Mileham,* that he married *Mary,* daughter of *Thomas de Erdington,* and *Roesia* his wife, then his widow.

This *John Fitz Alan,* lord of *Clun,* married to his first wife, *Isabel,* sister and coheir to *Hugh,* and second daughter and coheir of *William de Albiny,* Earls of *Arundel,* by whom he had *John,* his son and heir, and died in the 24th of *Henry* III. 1240.

On a partition of the lands of *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel,* in the 28th of *Henry* III. this *John Fitz-Alan* had the castle of *Arundel* in *Sussex* assigned unto him, and it appears that he had, in the 34th of that King, a park in his manor of *Mileham.* In the 49th of the said King he had an order from the King, then in custody of *Simon de Montfort,* to send to him his son and heir, to deliver up his castle of *Arundel* into *Simon's* custody, to secure the peace of the Kingdom, and died in the 52d of that King, leaving issue by *Maud* his wife, daughter of *R. de Verdun, John,* his son and heir, according to *Dugdale.*

It appears that in the 51st of the said King, the sheriff accounted for 101*s.* and 6*d.* rent of assise, of this manor, &c. late *John Fitz-Alan's,* from *Saturday,* the feast of *All-Saints,* in the 51st of *Henry* III. to the 6th of *December,* when he delivered it to *Maud* his widow.

This *John* left *Richard Fitz-Alan* his son and heir, by his wife *Isabel de Mortimer;* and this manor was found to be ancient demean, held by one knight's fee, the custody of it being granted to *John L'Estrange,* by the King, during the nonage of *Richard* the heir.

About this time, 76 fees are accounted to belong to the honour of *Arundel,* in this county.[1]

This *Richard* appears to be the first of the *Fitz-Alans* who bore the title of Earl of *Arundel,* as lord of that castle, without any formal creation or other investiture, and as lord of this town, had, in the 3d of *Edward* I. assise of bread and beer, a gallows, and other royal privileges; being a minor, the King, in his 5th year, (as his guardian,) recovered the presentation of the church of *Wroxhale* against *Richard*

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[1] Madox. Hist. of the Exchequer, p. 463.

de Amoundevill and *Maud* his wife, late widow of *John Fitz-Alan*, and grandmother of *Richard.*

In the 15th of this King, it was found that the lord of the manor had view of frank pledge, the assise, a tumbrel, gallows, pillory, toll and them; and in the said year had orders to provide 600 able footmen, well armed, for the *Welsh* expedition, against *Rice ap Meredith*, then in rebellion;[2] and that he should, with the other baron-marchers, be resident on their lands, with men ready armed; and in the 23d of this King, to be at *Plymouth* on the feast of *All-Saints*, to attend *Edmund* the King's brother into *Gascoygn*, the King sending there *Walter de Bellocampo*, steward of his house, and his beloved clerk, *Philip de Everdon*, to appraise their horses, to pay them their wages, and to perform other things, in order to their passage.[3]

This *Richard* was the seventh Earl who signed the letter to the Pope, in the 29th of this King, denying that the Kingdom of *Scotland* was his fee, or that he had any thing to do in temporal matters; dated *February* 12, 1301, and died seized of this manor and that of *Beeston*, in the 20th of *Edward* I. held *in capite* by one knight's fee, valued at *57l. 5s. 9d. per ann.* and *Edmund* was his son and heir, by *Alizon*, daughter of the Marquis of *Saluce* in *Italy*.

His son, *Edmund* Earl of *Arundel*, was a great favourite of King *Edward* II, and being taken at *Bristol*, on Queen *Isabel's* arrival into *England*, with an armed power, was there beheaded before the gates of the castle, in sight of the King, in *October*, on St. *Denys's* day, 1326, leaving by *Alice* his wife, sister and heir of *John* Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, *Richard*, his son and heir.

On his attainder and death, this manor of *Mileham*, with the castle of *Arundel*, was granted, *August* 8, in the first year of *Edw.* III. to *John de Eltham*, the King's brother.

It is said in the grant to be in the occupation of *Gilbert de Glencarn* for life, but *Richard*, son of *Edmund*, being restored in Parliament in the 4th of *Edward* III. had livery of this manor, &c. and in the 19th of that King, married *Elianore*, daughter of *Henry Plantaginet* Earl of *Lancaster*, widow of *John* Lord *Beaumont*. The will of this Earl is dated at *Arundel* castle, *December* 5, 1375, and died *January* 24 following.

By an original inventory of his goods, still remaining amongst the evidences of the Duke of *Norfolk*, it appears that he had in money, in gold, and silver, 44981 marks, and with that and what he had in other places, the whole sum amounted to 108367 marks, 13*s.* 3*d. ob.* a most surprising sum in that age, and the more so if we consider that a mark then was of the intrinsick triple value of the money now current; a pound weight of silver then was but of the value of 20*s.* whereas now a pound weight makes 3*l.* of our money, and if we consider also how much provision, &c. a mark would then buy, beyond what it does at present.

By his will he devised three of his coronets, his best to the Lord *Richard*, his son and heir.

It appears that he had a daughter, *Alianore*, (not mentioned by *Dugdale*,) married to *John de Bereford*, son of *Edmund de Bereford.*

Richard, his son and heir, Earl of *Arundel* and *Surry*, in the 6th of *Richard* II. reciting in a deed that the priory of *Arundel* formerly belonged to the abbey of *L'Essay*, or *Lees*, in *Normandy*, and that the King had 20 marks *per ann.* payable out of it, which, by the King's license, was converted into a college with chaplains, &c. he grants to the King the manor of *Sevenhampton* in *Somersetshire*, in exchange for the advowson of this college.

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[2] Rot. Walliae.

[3] Rot. Vascon.

To this deed is a curious seal, with the arms of *Arundel* and Earl *Warren*, quarterly, with 2 griffins supporters.

Arundel bore *gules*, a lion rampant, *or;* and *Warren* checque *or*, and *azure;* and in the 13th of that King he subscribed the letter to Pope *Boniface*, complaining of the great mischiefs to the kingdom by papal provisions to benefices, and other papal grievances;[4] but this Earl, by the iniquity of those times, was beheaded in *Cheapside*, *London*, 1393, the King himself being a spectator, and *Thomas Mowbray*, Earl-Marshal, and Earl of *Nottingham*, (who married his daughter,) being his executioner, and binding up his eyes, leaving *Thomas* his son and heir by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *William de Bohun* Earl of *Northampton*.

On his attainder, this manor seems to have been granted to *Thomas* of *Woodstock*, Duke of *Gloucester*, the King's uncle, and after to *Edm. de Langley* Duke of *York*, (the King's uncle,) with the hundreds of *Launditch* and *South Greenhoe*, and the manor of *Beeston*.

These were part of the possessions of *Thomas* Duke of *Gloucester*, attainted, as appears by the grant dated *August* 8, in the 22d of the said King; but in the following year, on the accession of King *Henry* IV. to the Crown, *Thomas*, son and heir of *Richard Fitz-Alan*, the late Earl, was restored in blood, and to all his lands and honours by parliament.

In the 3d of that King, Sir *John Harsick* was found to hold in *Mileham* and *Dunham*, half a fee of this Earl, who bore quarterly, *Fitz-Alan* or *Arundel*, and the Earl *Warren;* crest an eagle's head couped, issuing out of a ducal coronet, between two wings erect, and married *Beatrix*, a natural daughter of the King of *Portugal*, but died without issue, *October* 13, 1415.

On the death of this Earl, his honour and inheritance, by virtue of an entail, came to Sir *John Fitz-Alan*, alias *Arundel*, (cousin and next heir male to the aforesaid *Thomas*) Lord *Matravers*.

This *John* Earl of *Arundel*, married *Alianore*, daughter of Sir *John Berkley*, of *Beverston* in *Gloucestershire*, and dying *April* 29, in the 9th year of *Henry* V. left 2 sons, *John* and *William*.

John his son and heir was Earl of *Arundel*, and died in *France* on the 12th of *May*, in the 13th of *Henry* VI. being wounded by a culverine shot, and had by *Maud* his wife, daughter of *Robert Lovell*, a son of *Humphrey*, who dying in his minority, *William Fitz-Alan*, his uncle, succeeded him, inherited the earldom and estate of the family: he died in the 3d year of *Henry* VII. and *Thomas* was his son and heir, by *Joan* his wife, daughter of *Richard Nevill* Earl of *Salisbury*.

This *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel*, by his deed, dated *February* 14, in the 19th of *Henry* VII. constituted *Henry Fermor* of *Barsham*, in *Norfolk*, his feodary, in the said county, dated at *Southwark*.

The seal is of red wax, with the arms of *Fitz-Alan* as before, and

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[4] Rymer's Fœd. vol. vii. 672.

Matravers, (*sable*, fretty, *or*,) quarterly; the dexter supporter is an horse, the sinister a lion, gorged with a ducal coronet; the counter seal is small, a lion holding a great branch.

On his death, *October* 25, 1524, *William* was found his son and heir by *Margaret*, daughter of *Richard Woodvile* Earl *Rivers*.

This *William* Earl of *Arundel*, lord of this town and *Beeston*, married *Anne*, daughter of *Henry* Earl of *Northumberland;* he died *January* 23d, in the 35th of *Henry* VIII. and was succeeded by his son and heir, *Henry*, constable of *England*, at the coronation of Queen *Mary* and Queen *Elizabeth*.

By *Catharine*, daughter of *Thomas Grey* Marquis of *Dorset*, his first wife, he had *Henry* his son, who married *Anne*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Wentworth* of *Gosfield* in *Essex*, and dying at *Brussels* without issue, 1556, in his father's lifetime, (who died *February* 25, in the 22d of *Elizabeth*,) but many years before his death this *Henry* the father, Earl of *Arundel*, conveyed this lordship with that of *Beeston*, to *Thomam Gresham* of *London*, and had license for so doing in the first year of Queen *Elizabeth*.

Sir *Thomas* was lord in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, and after the death of Sir *Thomas Gresham* it was sold by his executors to *Stephen Barnwell*, Gent. or rather to *Henry Bastard*, Gent. who sold it to the said *Stephen*.

The Lady *Gresham* offered this and *Beeston* manor to be sold for 3300*l*. in 1580.

This *Stephen* descended from *Thomas Barnwell* of *Offaly*, in *Ireland*, and by *Blanch* his wife daughter of *Novegent* of *Dublin*, *Morry*, *Gerrard* and *Thomas*, who was of *Lincoln's-Inn*, Baron of the Exchequer, and married *Alice*, daughter of *Dyvelin*, master of the rolls, and father of *Thomas*, *Richard*, and *Robert*, who lived in *Northamptonshire* at *Lenton*, and had a son and heir, *Simon Barnwell*, of *Cransley*, in the said county.

His son and heir, *Thomas Barnwell* of *Cransley*, married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Thomas Cradocke* of *Dyngley*, in the said county, by whom he had *Edward*, who by *Anne* his wife daughter of *John Spencer* of *Bedfordshire*, Gent. had *Stephen Barnwell*.

This *Stephen* purchased this lordship, and settled here, and by *Mary* his wife, daughter of *Nicholas Cotton* of *Catworth Parva* in *Huntingdonshire*, or rather daughter of *Nicholas Calton* of *Dulwich* in *Surry*.

He left *Edward Barnewell*, Esq. of *Mileham*, who married *May* 6, 1618, at *Elsing* church in *Norfolk*, *Anne*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Playters* of *Soterley* in *Suffolk*, Bart. and was father of *Charles Barnwell*, who, by ——— his wife, daughter and heir of ——— *Sydner*, had his son and heir, *Charles*, who married *Mary*, daughter of ——— *Higham*, of *Barrow* in *Suffolk*, whose son *Edward* was lord in 1660.

He left *Charles Barnwell*, Esq. who by his first wife, *Elizabeth*, daughter of *John Neal*, rector of *Mileham*, had the Reverend Mr. *Charles Barnwell*, rector of *Beeston*, the present lord.

The arms of this family are *gules*, a saltire ragule, *or*, counter-embattled, between four crescents, *argent*, crest, a wolf's head erased, collared ragule, charged with bezants.

Here was also a little lordship in this town and *Bittering*, belonging to *Alwin*, a freeman, in King *Edward's* time, and after by a certain widow under *Godric*, who farmed it of the King: *Alwin* had a carucate of land and 12 acres of meadow; formerly two carucates belonged to it, but now none; one socman held 24 acres of land; in King *Edward's* time there was half a carucate, and 3 socmen held then 15 acres with half a carucate, in the whole valued at 20*s.* at the survey of no value, and *Godric* then accounted for it.

This was also granted by the Conqueror, after the survey, to *Alan*, son of *Flaald*, and so became united to the aforesaid manor.

Also here was another little lordship held by *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, at the survey, and in *Stanfield*, which the son of *Almar* held of *Alan*, and which two socmen under *Stigand* possessed in King *Edward's* reign, consisting of half a carucate of land and 6 acres: three borderers had two acres of meadow, and two carucates, paunage for 20 swine, valued at 10*s.* *per ann.*

BURGHWOOD MANOR.

This lordship belonged to the Earls of *Richmond*. *Robert de Hulmo* was lord in the reign of *Henry* III. and had free warren in his lands at *Wythersthorp* in *Mileham*.

Giles de Hulmo, son of *Robert*, claimed the assise and other liberties in *Wyresthorp*, in the parish of *Mileham*, in the 15th of *Edward* I.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *Richard de Burwood*, who gave name to it, held half a fee, late *Giles de Hulmo's*, and paying 10*s.* rent to the honour of *Richmond*.[5]

It was in the hands of Sir *Roger Beauchamp* in the 3d of *Henry* IV.

In the 14th of *Hen.* VI. *John* Duke of *Bedford* died seized of one fee in this town and *Swaffham*, held by Sir *Roger Shotesbrook*, as parcel of the aforesaid honour; and *John* St. *John* and *Joan* his wife granted by fine the manor of *Burghwood*, with 3 messuages, 840 acres of land, and 40*s.* rent in this town, *Beeston* and *Titeshale*, to Sir *William Capel*, Knt. in the 4th of *Henry* VIII.

In the first of *Edward* VI. it was conveyed by fine, from Sir *Henry Capel* and *Anne* his wife, to *Roger Townsend*,

George Townsend and *Alice* his wife conveyed it, in the first of *Philip* and *Mary*, to *Robert Coke*; and his son, Sir *Edward Coke*, was lord, in which family it continued: *Thomas* Earl of *Leicester* dying possessed of in 1759.

The prior of *Hempton*, by *Fakenham*, had lands here.

King *Henry* VIII. in his 35th year, granted to *Richard Andrews* 39 acres of land, called the prior's lands, lying in the fields of *Mileham*, to be held *in capite*. In the 2d of *Elizabeth*, *Thomas Crow* held it, and *Richard* his son had license in the 4th of that Queen, to alienate it to *Christopher Crow*, and the said *Christopher* held it 22d *James* I.

Ralph Crow died possessed of it in the 16th of *Charles* I. and left by *Phillis* his wife, *John*, his son, a minor.

There was anciently a family who took their name from this town, *George de Mileham* had lands here about the 50th of *Edward* III.

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[5] The family of Burghwood were the keepers or castellans of the castle in this town, under the Earls of Arundel.

William his brother left a daughter and heir, *Margaret*, married to *Nicholas Atte-Church*.

The tenths were 3*l*. 16*s*. Deducted 16*s*.

This town is famous for the birth of Sir *Edward Coke*, lord chief justice of *England*, the most learned and greatest lawyer of *England*, whose birth prognosticated something wonderful :[6] his mother, sitting by the fireside, was so suddenly and quickly delivered of him, that she had not time to be removed to a bed that was near, as Sir *Edward* informed Sir *Henry Spelman*.

Robert his father was lord of the manor of *Burghwood*, and had a grant of arms by *Thomas Hawley*, Clarencieux, dated *June* 9, in the 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary*.

Argent, on a chevron ingrailed, *gules*, between three tigers heads erased, *sable*, dented *argent*, and langued of the second, collared *or*; crest, on a wreath, *argent* and *sable*, a turkey-cock, proper, mantled *gules*, buttoned and tasseled, *or*.

But it appears that Sir *Ed. Coke* bore very different arms, as may be seen over the gate of the old house, viz. per pale, *azure* and *gules*, three eagles displayed, *argent*; impaling quarterly, in the first and fourth *ermin*, in the 2d and 3d paly of six, *or* and *gules*, in a bordure, *azure*, *Knightley*.

About the year 1600 here was a park, in which there was a great deal of timber sold (as said) by the acre, at 40*s*. or thereabouts per acre, and on every acre 40 or 60 good timber trees.

This park seems to have been on the left side of the road leading from *Norwich* to *Lynn*.

And in the said town was formerly a strong castle, the site of which is now part of the demeans of the manor of *Mileham*; it stood by the road side (on the left hand beyond the church) as above; being of an oval form, containing about 12 or 13 acres, surrounded by 2 deep ditches, or trenches; in that part to the south was the keep with another ditch, where are ruins of walls that crossed the ditch, and the north part was the barbican; the outward ditch and inclosure seems to have gone cross the high road, and to have enclosed the house and ground wherein Sir *Edward Coke* was born, as on each side of it, and behind it, may be observed; the entrance into it seems to have been on the west side.

The temporalities of *Fakenham-dam* priory, valued here in 1428, at 17*s*. 9*d*. *per ann*.

The Church of *Mileham* is dedicated to St. *John* the Baptist, and consists of a nave, a north and south isle, with a chancel, all covered with lead.

On the west end of the north isle stands a four-square tower, with 4 bells, and serves for a porch to the church.

In the chancel lie several gravestones, one

In memory of Mr. Fermor Pepys, sometime of this parish, of a worthy descent, most happy nature, choicest education, a tried faith to God, a persecuted church, a banished prince, and his old friend; he was born and lived a gentleman, baptized and lived a christian, died a believer, and lives a saint, obt: Septr. 22, 1660. *ætat.* 79.

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[6] Spelman's Icenia, fol. 150.

Edward Barnwell, gent. Nov. 30, 1666, *ætat.* 70

Charles Barnwell, gent. his grandson, died December 19, 1702. *ætat.* 49.

John Pepys died 19 *January,* 1658. *ætat.* 27.

Anna, Caroli Ward, hujus ecclesiæ retoris, uxor charissima, necnon Johan: Smith in agro Suff, generosi filia, obt. A. D. 1721, *ætat.* 53. ——*Pia, pudica, prudens, et morum suavitate vere laudabilis, charitatem, benevolentiam, eximiaq; in ecclesiam Anglicanam studia, seris nepotibus recommendabit,* - - - - *Villa de Laxfield, ad religionem bonos mores promovendos ampla et insignis donatio. Vale lector & imitare.*

John Neale, sometime rector, died May 18, 1704, *aged* 56.
John his eldest son, died February 18, 1699, *aged* 22.

Elizabeth, wife of Charles Barnwell, gent. and daughter of John Neale, late rector, died November 19, 1705.

Barnwell impaling *Berney,* quarterly *azure* and *gules,* a cross ingrailed, *ermine.*

Maria, uxor Caroli Barnwell, armig. filia Dni. Tho. Berney, militis et baronetti, et D'næ Saræ uxoris ejus. Obt. 17 *Dec.* 1720, *ætat.* 48.

A stone

For 4 *children of Thomas Browne, gent. and Elizabeth his wife.*

In the east window of the chancel, quarterly, *Arundel* and *Matrevers,* impaling *Bryan; or,* three piles in point, *azure,* in first and 4th quarter: and *Buers;* ermin, on a chief indented, *sable,* two lions rampant, in the 2d and 3d quarter; and in the south window, the effigies of the Virgin, teaching the child *Jesus* to read; also of a man and woman on their knees; over their heads, *Peddar,* before them two horses travelling, with packs on their backs, and under them, *Thomas Broun.*

Also on a gravestone with the arms of *Ward, azure,* a cross between four spread eagles, *argent.*

H. S. E. Carolus Ward, quadraginta annos hujus ecclesiæ rector. In Deum pius, Jesu. Christi devotus servus, populi pastor fidus, ecclesiæ et monarchiæ Anglicanæ amator verus, consanguineis et amicis charus, in omnes benevolus, hospitalitatis cultor; egenis præcipue largus, dum vixit; nec minus mortuus: testator centum librarum clericorum viduis, ducentarum huic parochiæ in perpetuum eleemosyna. Bene natus, vivens, moriens. Ex hac vitâ in meliorem, virtutis præmium, migravit Aug. 6, 1744. *ætat,* 82.

The 200*l.* that he gave was to clothe the poor annually, three men and three women, in blue coats, at *Christmas,* and the rest to the poor.

In the north isle,

Marg. Goose ux. Ed'ri. Goose: obt. 22 *Feb.* 1638.

Will. Burly ob. Aug. 19. 1669; with the arms of *Barnwell,* and *Heigham, sable,* a fess, checque, *or* and *azure,* between three horses heads, erased *argent,*

In the south isle,

Robert Bradfield of Mileham, gent. obt. Dec. 3, 1669.

Of your charete p'y for the soul of Xtofer Crow which decessed the vii *day of Decr. Ao. D'ni* xv°.xxvi *and Christian his wyfe;* with their portraitures in brass, and of 4 sons and of 5 daughters.

In the nave, a gravestone,

In memory of John L'Strange, Esq; 3*d son of Sir Nicholas Lestrange, Bt. and Ann, the daughter of Sir Edward Lewnor, Kt. who died July* 5, 1722, *aged* 86. Also of *William Lestrange, gent.* 4*th brother of the said John, who died October* 8, 1711, *aged* 73. And also of *Edward Lestrange, gent.* 5*th brother, who died September* 24, 1715, *aged* 75. And of *Nicholas, son of the said Edward;* all interred in this church.

Hoc marmor posuit Nicolaus Le Estrange baronettus.

One for,

Walter Dussing, son Owen Dussing, gent. and Mary his wife, obt. Oct. 24, 1605.

The font is of stone, with an handsome top or covering of wood.

In the chancel are also lately placed several gravestones, one,

In memory of Elizabeth, wife of John Neale, clerk, late widow of William Jegon, clerk, who died May 26, 1747, *ætat.* 58.

In memory of Gibson Neale, gent. who died April 17, 1747, *in his* 59 *year;* with the arms of *Neale, ermine,* a lion rampant, between three dexter gauntlets, *gules.*

And for,

Sarah, wife of Gibson Neale, gent. who died July 11, *in her* 57 *year.*

Also on an old stone, *argent,* on a bend, between three lis, *sable,* as many boars heads couped, *or;* crest an elephant's head.

In memory of Henry Bastard, gent. lord of the manor, ætat. 62, *ob. Aug.* 23, 1624.

In the churchyard is raised on stone, a curious lofty pillar, for a cross, very antique, but the upper part of it is now broken off; and by it, on the north side, a freestone altar tomb, with a cross carved thereon, finely flowered and ornamented, probably in memory of some priest.

Mr. *Glover* founded a school here depositing, money in the hands of Sir *Edward Coke,* for the same, who bought a piece of copyhold land, and a house which had but one single room, valued at 5*s. per ann.* and Mr. *Ward,* the late rector, has built another room to it, for the master to dwell in.

The church was anciently valued at 30 marks, paid *Peter*-pence, 4*d.* The prior of *Sporle* had a pension therein, valued at 6 marks *per ann.*

Joan, wife to *Henry* IV. and Queen dowager, died seized of it in the 15th of *Henry* VI. the present valor is 11*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.* and pays first fruits, &c.

RECTORS

1323, *John le Mareschal*, presented to the rectory by *Edmund* Earl of *Arundel.*

1365, *Nicholas de Newton*, by *Richard* Earl of *Arundel*, he was prebend of *Putston Major*, in the church of *Hereford.*

1370, *John Collyngs. Ditto.*

1382, *William Categany*, by *Richard* Earl of *Arundel.*

1383, *John Messager. Ditto.*

1390, *Thomas Ridlington. Ditto.*

1416, *Richard Abbot*, by *John* Lord *Arundel* and *Matrevers.*

1419, *Philip Lane*, by the feoffees of *John* Lord *Arundel*, &c.

1426, *Thomas Smith*, by Sir *John Cornwall*, Knt. farmer of the lands of the said lord.

1427, *Peter Aumener. Ditto.*

1428, *Walter Aumener*, by the King, on the minority of the heir.

1429, *John Laurence*, by *John* Earl of *Arundel*, &c.

1443, *David Brown*, by *William* Earl of *Arundel*, &c.

1447, *John Everton. Ditto.*

1493, *Bernard Kervey*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel*, &c.

1501, *William Beckbank*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1502, *John Write*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel*, &c.

1542, *Nicholas Crow*, by the assignees of *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel.*

1557, *Christopher Melton*, by Lady *Ann Matravers*, late wife of *Henry* Lord *Matravers.*

1565, *George Williamson*, by *Thomas Gresham.*

1615, *Robert Ward*, S.T.P. by *Stephen Barnwell*, Esq.

1623, *Samuel Boston. Ditto.*

1641, *William Swift*, by *Edward Sheen*, &c. assignees of *Edward Barnwell*, Esq.

1687, *John Neale*, by *Edmund Beale.*

1704, *Charles Ward*, by *Charles Barnwell*, Gent.

1744, *Edward Barnwell*, by *Charles Barnwell*, Esq.

1751, *Richard Drake*, by *Charles Barnwell*, clerk.

In this church were the guilds of St. *John* Baptist, St. *Thomas*, and *Corpus Christi*, the lights of St. *Mary*, with the chapel lights, St. *Nicholas* and *Corpus Christi.*

There was in the possession of Mr. *Forbie*, formerly rector of *Beeston*, an ancient book or roll, of all the good benefactors to the first building of the church of *Mileham*, and therein,

"Ye shall also pray and beseech for the soul of Sir *Walter Barnard*, priest, the which purchased the freedom and customs of the town, gave and get much good to the town, wherefore God yeild it to him at his most need, and send him part of all his good prayers."

I take the tomb in the churchyard to be in memory of this *Walter*, and that he also erected this cross.

In this town are great remains (as appears from the ditches, entrenchments, &c.) of a curious and noble castle, built, as I take it, by *Alan*, son of *Flaald*, to whom the Conqueror gave this great manor, honour and barony, who was ancestor of the *Fitz-Alans* Earls of *Arundel*, &c. and bore barry eight *or* and *gules.*

PATESLEY.

King William, on his conquest, granted this town to the Lord *Peter de Valoines*, and *Roger* held it under him at the survey. *Alestan*, a freeman, was owner of it in King *Edward's* reign, when it was accounted a manor, with two carucates in demean and one amongst the men or tenants, &c. paunage for 10 swine, and the moiety of a fishery, one runcus, 15 cows, &c. and was valued at 20*s.* *per ann.* it was four furlongs long and two broad, and paid 3*d.* gelt. The soc belonged to the King's manor of *Mileham.*[7]

Of these Lords *Valoins* see in *Appleton* and *Dersingham*, where we have treated at large of that family.

In the reign of *Henry* I. when the Lord *Peter de Valoins* founded the priory of *Bynham*, *Roger*, a knight of his gave two parts of his tithes in this town to that priory, which were confirmed afterwards by his son, and grandson, and *John* Bishop of *Norwich.*

This was likely that *Roger*, who held it under his Lord *Peter* at the survey, and was ancestor (as I take it) of the family of *De Pattesley*, lords of the town. *Herbert de Patesle* was living in the 9th of King *John*, of whom see in *Ingoldesthorp.*

About the 3d of *Henry* III. *Hamo de Patesle* held it by the fourth part of a fee, and soon after this, *John de Patesley*; and in the 52d of the said King, *Hamon de Patesley*, senior, settled it on *Hamon* his son, by fine with messuages, lands and rents, in *Oxewick*, *Tittleshale*, *Caldeweli*, *Reynham*, *Wyssingset*, and *Tofts.*

In the 29th of *Edward* I. *William*, son of *William de Patesle*, conveyed by fine, many messuages, lands, &c. in the towns abovementioned, to *William*, son of *Hamon de Patesley*, and in the said year *John de Patesley* granted by fine the manor and advowson to *William de Patesley*, senior, for life, remainder to *John*; and *John de Patesley* was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II. and presented to the church in 1304; and in 1321, *John*, son of *John de Patesle*, presented.

Roger, son of *William de Patesley*, granted by fine, in the 1st of *Edward* III. to *William*, son of *William de Patesly*, and *Nicholaa* his wife, several messuages and lands here, and in *Oxwyk*, *Godwyk*, *Wissingsete*, &c. for their lives, remainder to *Ellen*, *Emme*, *Alice*, *Maud*, and *Margery*, their daughters; and in the 20th of that King, *William de Patesley*, junior, held the fourth part of a fee, which *John de Patesley* formerly held: but it appears from the institution books, that *John de Patesle*, rector of *Harpele* in *Norfolk*, presented in the 23d of the said King: and in the 10th of *Richard* II. Sir *Walter Fitz-Walter* (whose ancestor married *Gunnora*, daughter and heir of *Robert*

[7] Terre Petri Valoniensis——Patesleia tenet Roger quam ten. Alestanus lib. ho. T.R.E. p. man. ii car. t're. in d'nio. tc. et p. i car. houm mo. nulla, sed posset e'e silv. x por. et dim. pisci. e. mo. i r. et xv an. tc. iiii por. mo. xiii an. mo. lviiii ov. sep. val. xx sol. et ht. iiii qr. in long. et ii in lato. et iiid. de gelto. Soca in Mete. Maneriu Regis.

Lord *Valoins*) was found to be the capital lord of the fee, and to hold in this town, *Tyteleshale, Godwicke, Welyngham, Whyssingset,* &c. one fee belonging to his manor of *Heminghale* in *Norfolk.*

From one of the daughters and coheirs of the *Patesleys* (as is most likely) it came to *William de Breton,* who presented in 1351, and was living in 1388, when he also presented to this church, as did *Nicholas Briton* in 1391, but in the 3d of *Henry* IV. (1401) *Ellen, Joan,* and *Catherine,* daughters and coheirs of *William Briton,* are found to hold the abovesaid fourth part of a fee, or manor.

After this it seems to be in several hands, *John Sutton* presenting in 1405, *Henry Carmely* or *Carman* in 1408, 1409, and 1431, and *John Schaymnes* in 1429, who likely married the three daughters and coheirs of *Breton,* and having each a part, or share in this lordship, are styled in the institution books *domicelli.*

But it returned to the *Patesleys* soon after the last presentation of *Henry Carman,* and *Hamo de Patesley* died seized of it, and the advowson in 1438, when it is said that he held it *in capite* by the 20th part of a fee, and *John Patesley,* citizen and alderman of *London,* was his cousin and heir; he was sheriff of *London* in 1432, and lord mayor in 1440, being then a knight, but by *Baker* and others, falsely called *Paddesley,* and died lord of this manor in 1449, and bore for his arms *argent,* three de lis azure, each charged with an an annulet, *or,* his widow survived him, *Joan Patesle,* widow, citizen of *London,* lady of *Patesle,* presented to this church *December* 26, 1460.

In the 9th of *Edward* IV. *John Seaman* and *Agnes* his wife, *William Carman* and *Catharine* his wife, *William Bulman* and *Cecilia* his wife, *Roger Richers* and *Margaret* his wife, conveyed by fine levied, to *John* and *Henry Heydon, Thomas Boleyn,* &c. this manor and advowson, with 60 acres of land, and *Henry Heydon,* Esq. presented in 1484, and Sir *Henry Heydon* in 1493, and Sir *John* in 1521.

Sir *Christopher Heydon* of *Baconsthorpe* in *Norfolk* gave it, in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth,* together with the advowson, to *Cajus* college in *Cambridge,* and the said college exchanged the manor with Sir *Roger Townsend,* Knt. of *Rainham,* for the manor of *D'Engains* in *Feversham,* in *Cambridgeshire,* and *Stow Qui,* and kept the patronage which they enjoy at this time, the manor being in the Lord Viscount *Townsend.* Here is only the manor-house remaining, wherein a farmer lives.

The tenths were 1*l.* 12*s.*

The lordship of the *Hauvills* of *Dunton* and *Rainham* extended into this town, and *Thomas,* son of *John de Hauvill,* paid a relief for lands here held by castle guard to *Norwich* castle in the 35th of *Edward* I.

Pat or *Pet* is the name of several little rivers; and gives name to this and to many towns, *viz. Peteswick* in *Essex; Patteshall* in *Northamptonshire; Pat* or *Petworth* in *Sussex,* &c.

The Church was dedicated to St. *John* Baptist, and was a rectory valued anciently at 40*s.* and paid *Peter*-pence 2d. *ob.* it is called a sinecure in the year 1521, and no church was standing (as I find) in 1571; the present value is 8*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*

RECTORS.

1304, *John de Fakenham*, rector, presented by *John de Patesle.*
1321, *John*, son of *John de Patesle. Ditto.*
1349, *Henry Smyth* by *John de Patesle*, rector of *Harpele.*
1351, *William de Hundon*, by *William de Bretoun.*
1359, *Andrew Frere. Ditto.*
1360, *Robert Beneyt. Ditto.*
1361, *John Bishop. Ditto.*
1366, *John Passemer. Ditto.*
1388, *Ralph de Brancaster. Ditto.*
1391, *William Taylor*, by *Nicholas Breton.*
1393, *Richard Mason. Ditto.*
John Bees.
1395, *Richard Allen.*
1406, *John Ap Davy*, by *John Sutton.*
1408, *Richard Roscelyn*, by *Henry Carmeley*, domicell.
1409, *Vincent Glentworth. Ditto.*
1409, *John Cockerell*, by *John Schaymnes*, domicell.
1425, *John Peyntour*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1431, *John Hendy*, by *Henry Carman.*
1453, *John Spendelove*, Bishop of *Norwich*, a lapse.
1460, Mr. *Richard Thornham, A. M.* by *Joan Patesle*, widow, citizen of *London*, lady of *Patesle.*
Thomas Cosyn, rector.
1484, Mr. *Thomas Winter*, by *Henry Heydon*, Esq.
1491, *Edmund Pilgrim*, by Sir *Henry Heydon.*
1493, *William Wayte. Ditto.*
1500, *Edmund Bacton, S. T. P.* by Sir *Henry Heydon, Richard Southwell*, Esq. and *Thomas Langden.*
1521, *Edmund Garrade*, S. T. B. by Sir *John Heydon*, called then a free chapel.
1554, *Richard Reyner*, S.T. B. by the Bishop, a lapse.
1558, *William Maddock. Ditto.*
1584, *Christopher Kaverock*, by the Queen, a lapse.
1599, *John Hull*, by *Cajus* college *Cambridge.*
1626, *Robert King*, S. T. P. *Ditto. John Marletop*, rector.
1634, *Robert Sheringham. Ditto.*
1678, *Courtney Oram. Ditto.*
1687, *John Goddard. Ditto.*
1742, *Henry Goodal*, by the King.

ROUGHAM.

ROUGHAM MANOR.

William Earl *Warren* held in *Ruhham* and *Fransham Magna* a very considerable lordship which *Toke*, a *Saxon* thane or freeman, possessed in King *Edward's* reign, an account of it may be seen, and of its extent, value, &c. at that time, under the history of *Fransham Magna*.

This was soon after held of the Earl *Warrens*, by several persons, and divided into small fees or lordships. *Hugh de Fochigetune*, or *Folkinton*, gave by deed, *sans date*, to the monks of *Castleacre*, two parts of the tithe of his demean in *Rucham* in all things, *viz.* in corn *(garbis,)* lambs, wool, hemp, and in whatsoever tithe is due, for the soul of his brother *Robert de Fochigtune*, and the souls of his father and mother in pure alms; witnesses, *Gilbert de Baillol, Ralph*, son of the castillan of *Arundel, Geff. Fitz Giles, Alexander de Rucham*, &c.[8]

Juliana, daughter of *William*, son of *Richard de Wirmele*, patroness of the church of St. *Mary de Rucham*, with the assent of *William*, her son and heir, confirmed to the monks a moiety of all the tithe of her demean lands, as well ploughed as hereafter to be ploughed, and of her small tithe belonging to her patroness in pure alms, *sans date*.

William, son of *Walter Harawein*, by his deed *sans date*, confirmed the ancient church of St. *Mary de Rucham*, which was built on his fee, with an half acre of land, on the west side of it, for the soul of his lord, *William de Warren*, and his own soul, to the priory of *Westacre;* this *William* is sometimes called *William de Rucham*.

Sir *Richard Butler* of *Rucham*, Knt. as lord, confirmed the grant of *Vincent*, son of *Alvered*, of lands to the said monks, by deed *sans date;* and a descendant of this *William le Botiler* of *Rugham* was found in the 52d of *Henry* II. to hold a knight's fee, to be of age, and not a knight, which proves that all who held a fee, were obliged when of age, to take upon them that degree. Besides these it appears that the family of *Rugham* was very soon after the conquest enfeoft in part of this village: *Alexander*, son of *William de Rugham*, paid 40*s*. in the 27th of *Henry* II. to bring his plea in the King's court, against the Earl of *Arundel*, and *Robert de Mortimer*.[9]

Richard, son of *Thomas de Rugham*, demanded in the 7th of *Edward* I. of *Aungier de Rugham*, messuages and lands, with a mill in this town and *Wesenham*, of which *Aungier* had unjustly disseized *Richard*, as heir to his grandfather; the jury on a pleading in the 16th of the said King, find that the lands here were not partable, on an action brought by *Giles*, son of *Beatrix de Rugham*, against his sister, *Ralph de Dalling*, and *Isabell* his wife, *William Burell* and *Alice* his wife; and in the said year, *Isolda*, daughter of *Thomas de Rugham* had by fine a messuage and lands conveyed to her from *William, Burell.*

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[8] Reg. Castleac. fol. 24.

[9] Magn. Rot. Pip.

In the 14th of the said King, *Richard*, son of *Thomas de Rugham*, impleaded *John*, son of *William de Rugham*, for lands, and the moiety of a messuage; and *Richard*, son of *Thomas de Rugham*, settled by fine on *Thomas* his son, lands in the 19th of the said King; and in the 11th of *Edward* II. *Richard*, son of *John de Rougham*, conveyed by fine lands to *Richard Fitz-John* of *Massingham;* and in the 9th of that reign, *Alice de Rougham* was returned to be lady of a manor, mother, most likely, of *Richard* aforesaid, who dying without issue male, *Alice* his daughter or sister was married to *John Read.*

In the 46th of *Edward* III. a fine was levied between him and *Alice* his wife, querents, *Henry Grace* of *Narburgh*, and *Catherine* his wife, deforciants of 6*s*. 8*d*. rent, with 18 capons here, conveyed to *John* and *Alice*, from *Henry* and *Catherine*, and the heirs of *Catherine*, probably sister of *Alice.*

Before this the *Reads* had an interest in this town; in the 1st of *Edward* II. *John Read* and *Ralph* his son held lands here, as appears by a fine then levied.

John Read, by *Alice de Rugham*, had a son *Richard*, who married *Margaret*, sister and heir of *Richard Hooker*, whose daughter and heir, *Elizab.* brought this manor of *Rougham*, to *John Yelverton*, Esq. a family of great antiquity in the county of *Norfolk*, taking their name from the town of *Yelverton*, in the hundred of *Henstede*, where they had possessions soon after the conquest.

John de Yelverton lived in the 9th of *Edward* I. 1282:[1] his son and heir, *Thomas*, and *Maud* his wife, had lands in *Yelverton* aforesaid, and *Alpington*, in 1316, and *William de Yelverton* and *Mabel* his wife purchased lands there of *Richard de la Rokeley* in 1308.

Andrew was son and heir of *Thomas* aforesaid, Lord of *Rackheath* in 1315, by *Maud* his wife, and by -----, daughter of *Bozun* of *Wissenet*, had *Robert de Yelverton* of *Rackheith* in *Norfolk*, who lived in the reign of *Edward* III. and was witness to a deed of lands in *Sprouston* and *Beeston* in 1359, by *Cecilia* his wife, daughter of Sir *Thomas Bardolf*, had *John Yelverton*, Esq. who with *Margaret* his wife had lands in *Saxthorp*, *Toft-Hall* manor in *Shotesham*, the manor of *Rackey* in the 15th of *Richard* II. and in the reign of *Henry* IV. by *Margaret* his first wife, he had *Robert Yelverton*, Esq. of *Rackheythe. Robert*, by his will dated *August* 4, 1420, and proved *February* 8, following, bequeaths his body to be buried in the cathedral church of *Norwich* by his father's tomb; to the church of the Holy *Trinity* of *Rackey*,[2] and that of *All-Saints* he gives legacies; to *Margery* his wife, all his goods, lands, tenements, in *Rackey Magna* and *Parva*, *Yelverton*, and *Saxthorp*, with the advowson of the church of *All-Saints* aforesaid, which were his father's, for her life; remainder to *Thomas* his son, and if he died without issue (as it seems he did) to be sold.

This *John Yelverton* aforesaid married to his second wife *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *Richard*, son of Sir *John Read* of *Rougham* and

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[1] Nicholas de Yelverton had considerable lands, in Beeston, by Norwich, as by deed sans date, in the reign of Henry III.

[2] Regist. Hurning, Norw. 77.

Beccles, who resided here, and had by the said *Elizabeth* Sir *William Yelverton*, judge of the King's Bench in 1444, and, before this, under steward of the dutchy of *Lancaster* in *Norfolk*, justice of the peace and goal delivery in the Bishop of *Ely's* liberty of *Mitford* hundred, and Knight of the Bath in 1460: by *Jane* his first wife, daughter of Sir *Oliver le Grosse*, was father of *John Yelverton*, Esq. of the body to King *Edward* IV. who married *Margery*, daughter and heir of *William Morley*, Esq. who were both living in the 36th year of *Henry* VI.;[3] he died *July* 9, 1481, and left *William Yelverton* their son, married to *Anne*, daughter of *John Paston*, Esq. of *Paston* in *Norfolk*, by whom he had *William Yelverton*, who died *s. p.* and *Amy*, married to *John* or *James Elmes*, Esq.

The eldest branch being thus extinct, we return to his offspring by his second wife *Ela* or *Agnes*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Brewes* of *Topcroft* in *Norfolk*, by whom the judge had several sons, 1st *William*, 2d, *John*, 3d *Thomas*, 4th *Nicholas*, 5th *Edward*, 6th *Adam*, and a daughter *Anne* married to *Adam Cam* of *Wesenham*, in *Norfolk*.

William, the eldest son, married, (as the History of the Peerage relates,) a daughter of Sir *James Hewet*, lord mayor of *London*, but it does not appear that there was any one of that name lord mayor of *London*.

This *William Yelverton*, Esq. was living, and *Catherine* his wife, in 1459, and in the 13th of *Edward* IV. as appears from a fine, and from the writings of this family it seems to me, and from his grave-stone in the church,[4] that he married *Catherine*, daughter of *Henry Spilman*, Esq. of *Stow Beccles* in *Norfolk*, by whom he had a son *William*,[5] who by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of - - - - - *Germond* or *Gomond* of *London*, had also a nother *William Yelverton*, Esq.[6] who took to wife, 1st *Anne*, daughter of Sir *Henry Fermour* of *East Barsham* in *Norfolk*; and secondly, *Jane*, daughter of Sir *Edward Cocket* of *Ampton* in *Norfolk*; by his first lady he had 3 sons, *Henry*, the first, *William*, the second, who was a knight and lived in *Ireland*; and *Christopher*, the third son, who was a knight and lord chief justice of the King's Bench in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, and from whom descend the *Yelvertons*, Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*, and Earl of *Sussex*.

Henry Yelverton, Esq. of *Rougham*, the eldest son, married *Bridget*, daughter of Sir *William Drury* of *Hawstead* in *Suffolk*, and was father of *William Yelverton*, Esq. of *Rougham*, created baronet *May* 31, 1620; by *Dionysia* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Richard Stubbs*, Esq. of *Sedgeford* in *Norfolk*; he had Sir *William Yelverton*, Bart. his son and heir, and Sir *Henry Yelverton*, Knt. who married *Alice*, daughter and heir to Dr. *William Barlow* Bishop of *Lincoln*, and died without issue.

Sir *William*, by *Ursula* his wife, daughter of Sir *Thomas Richardson* lord chief justice of the King's Bench, left a son and heir, Sir *William Yelverton*, Bart. and 2 daughters, *Elizabeth* and *Ursula*, and died in 1648, *July* 19: his lady *Ursula* survived him, dying in 1657, *March* 20, and also her only son and heir, Sir *William Yelverton*, Bart. who died without issue *November* 15, 1649, so that by his death this family and honour was extinct.

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[3] Ex Autograph. in Guild Hall Norf.

[4] This William was found to die in the 15th of Henry VII. and William was his son and heir.

[5] This William Yelverton and Margaret his wife is omitted in the Peerage.

[6] William Yelverton, Esq. died August 12, Ao. 28 Elizabeth, said to be a knight.

Ursula, his youngest sister and coheir, married - - - - - *Shipdam*, clerk, and *Elizabeth* married *Thomas Peyton*, Esq. 4th son of Sir *Edward Peyton* of *Isleham* in *Cambridgeshire*, and was father of, first, *William Peyton*, Esq. of *Dublin* in *Ireland*, who died about 1686, and left by *Frances* his wife, daughter of Sir *Herbert Lunsford*, Knt. a daughter *Elizabeth*, who died young; 2d, *Robert Peyton*, living in *Virginia* in 1692; 3d, *Charles Peyton*, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *William Bladwell*, Esq. of *Swanington* in *Norfolk*, and there buried; 4th, *Yelverton Peyton* of *Rougham*, Esq. who married *Hannah*, daughter of Sir *John Roberts*, also a daughter *Anne*, married to *Thomas Woods* of *Braconash* in *Norfolk*, Esq.

The *Roughams*' estate being possessed by *Thomas Peyton* aforesaid, he mortgaged, and afterwards sold it, to Sir *John Bladwell*, brother of *William Bladwell* aforesaid; this Sir *John* living in one part of the hall and *Thomas Peyton* in the other, a friendship was contracted between them, and Sir *John* at his death gave this manor, &c. to *Yelverton Peyton*, fourth son of *Thomas* aforesaid, who sold it to the Honourable *Roger North*, Esq. (sixth son of *Dudley* Lord *North*) in 1690, who made great improvements in the hall, and in the lands, by planting, inclosing, &c. By - - - - - - his wife, daughter of Sir - - - - - - *Gayer* of *Stoke Pogeys* in *Bucks*, he had *Rog. North*, Esq. whose son, *Fountaine North*, Esq. is the present lord.

GREEN'S HALL, ALIAS FINCHAM'S.

Juliana, daughter of *William*, son of *Richard de Wirmele*, (as I have above observed,) held a part of the Earl *Warren's* fee, and was patroness of the church; this part descended to the *Botilers* abovementioned of *Rugham*, and it appears that there had been a controversy between the prior and convent of *Castleacre*, and that of *Westacre*, rectors of this parish (as they are styled, by which it seems that there were two moieties in this church) concerning the tithes of all the demeans which formerly belonged to Sir *Richard de Boteler*, appertaining to *Castleacre*, which tithes the said prior, &c. agreed and granted in 1301, on the feast of St. *Faith*, to the prior of *Westacre* for ever, who covenanted to pay 30*s. per ann.* for the same to the convent of *Castleacre*.[7]

In the 3d and 9th of *Edward* II. this was possessed by *Richard Atte Green*, who had the assise of bread and beer, and other royalties; and in the 20th of *Edward* III. *John Atte Greene*, *John le Donne*, and their parceners, were found to hold one fee in this town, and *Fransham*, of the heirs of *John de Gatesend*, and he of the Earl *Warren*, which *William le Boteler* formerly held.

This came afterwards to the *Finchams*. *William Fincham* of *Rougham*, by his will dated *August* 7, 1461, bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of *Rougham*, by *Margaret* his late wife, and gives to *Marianne* his wife all his utensils;[8] to *Edward* his son 200 sheep: to his sons, *John Fincham*, clerk, and *Thomas*, the residue of all his goods, appoints his wife and son *John* executors, with his sons *Edmund* and *Thomas*.

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[7] Reg. Castleac. fo. 143.

[8] Reg. Brosyard, Norw. p. 218.

Edmund Fincham, his son, desires by his will, bearing date *August* 12, 1471, to be buried in the south porch of this church, that *William,* and *Robert* his sons after the death of *Margaret* his wife, have his messuage, called *Barker's,* in *Wesenham,* and died lord of *Grenes-Hall,* as then called.[9]

The *Yelvertons* seems to be the next lords of it. *William Yelverton,* Esq. was possessed of it, and his son *Henry,* in the 32d of *Elizabeth:* in this family it remained, and being united to the manor of *Rougham* abovementioned, passed with that as is there observed.

In the 3d of *Edward* III. *William de Brisingham,* and *Clement de Cressingham,* were found to hold lordships here under the Earl *Warren,* and to have assise of bread and beer and other royalties of their tenants; and in the 14th of that King, *Alice,* widow of *Clement,* son of *Laurence de Cressingham Magna,* impleaded *John de Cressingham,* son of *Laurence,* for her dower, her third part in 7 messuages, 64 acres of land, 9 of heath, 10*s. ob.* rent, and a windmill in this town.

Fulke de Brisingham, and *John de Cressingham,* were returned as lords in the 9th of *Edward* II. and the said *John,* with *Amicia* his wife, settled by fine in the 15th of the said reign, on *David Donne* of *Snetesham, John,* son of *Alice Mecke* of *Bircham Tofts,* this lordship, and on the heirs of *John,* remainder to *Geffrey* son of *Alice,* in tail to *Richard,* son of *Alice,* after the heirs of *David;* and in the first year of *Henry* IV. *Ralph Bedingham,* and *Edward Hunt,* chaplain, were found to hold one Knight's fee with their parceners in this town and *Fransham* of the heirs of *John Cudsden,* and he of the Earl of *Warren's* fee, now of the dutchy of *Lancaster.*

This also soon after came to the *Yelvertons,* and was conveyed and passed as above observed.

Godric farmed or kept a lordship in this town belonging to the Conqueror, *Alwin,* a freeman, had a carucate and an half in King *Edward's* time, with 7 villains, and after 3, always valued at 3*s.* then 3 carucates in demean, at the survey none, but four might be restored, then one carucate amongst the men, afterwards none, but it might be restored, &c. 14 socmen belonged to it with a carucate and half of land, and 2 villains, with 4 borderers, then 2 carucates and a half, afterwards 2, and the half might be restored.

The whole was in the soc of *Stigand,* and belonging to his manors or farms in King *Edward's* days.

After that, *Ralph* (viz. *Waiher* Earl *Warren)* had it, and on his forfeiture *Godric* then held it, when it was valued at 60*s. per ann.* was 7 furlongs long and 6 broad, and paid 20*d.* gelt.[1]

This lordship which was held by *Stigand* the Archbishop, with that of *Mileham,* in the Confessor's time, was granted soon after this account of it in the survey, with that of *Mileham,* to *Alan,* son of *Flaald,* by *William* the Conqueror,[1] from whom descended the noble family of the *Fitz Alans* Earls of *Arundel,* of whom see in *Mileham;* and in the 3d of *Edward* I. it was found to be in the said family, lords also of *Mileham,* who had the assise of bread and beer, and other royalties in this town: in the 14th of *Richard* II. *John de Cressingham* was found to hold lands of the Earl of *Arundel,* and in the 13th of *Henry* VI. the Earl of *Arundel* held it of the King *in capite:* this came into the *Yelverton* family, and was conveyed with the manor of *Rougham.*

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[9] Reg. Jekkys Norw. 228.

[1] Terre Regis qua' Godric servat—— Ruhham i car. et dim. tre. tenuit Aluin i lib. ho' tc. vii vill. p' et mo. iii sep. iii sol. tc. iii car. in d'nio p. et modo nulla et iiii possent restaurari. tc. i car. hom. p'. et mo. nulla sed posset restaurari. sep. xii por. et xxx ov. hic jacent semp. xiiii soc. i car. et dim. tre. et ii vill. et iiii bord. tc. ii car.et. dim. p'. et mo. ii et dim. posset restaur. totu'. fuit de soca Stigandi et de suis mansib; T. R. E. p' totu' h'uit Rad. mo. ht. Godric' tc. et p'. val. xl sol. mo. lx et ht. vii qr. in long. et vi in lat. et xx d. de gelto.

Hermerus de Ferrarijs had a small lordship, as we find in *Domesday Book,* possessed by *Fulbert,* to which there belonged a carucate then, but at the survey only half a carucate, but the other half might be recovered, valued at 10*s. per ann.* the soc was in *Muleham* (*Mileham,*) and belonged then to the King;[2] *Fulbert* was lord in his own right, in King *Edward's* time,[3] and now held it under *Hermerus,* who was ancestor of the lords *Bardolf* of *Wirmegay,* of whom see there.

Sir *Pain de Tiptoft,* Knt. was of lord it, and enfeoft *John,* son of *John de Drayton,* therein, and one of the same name held it in or about *Edward* the Third's time, by the tenth part of a fee, of the Lord *Bardolf.*

By the inquisitions taken at *Walsingham* before *Edmund Oldhall,* in the first year of *Henry* IV. *John Yelverton* and *Ralph Bedingham* were found to be seized of the third part of a fee, held then as it is said, of the manor of *Horesford;* this also was united, and passed as before; and at the said time the heirs of *Jeffrey Brusyerd* held the 4th part of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf.*

Alan Earl of *Richmond* had a manor in *Mileham,* which extended into this town, and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Ralph de Bedingham* and *John Yelverton* held it by the third part of a fee, which was held in the 8th of *Edward* I.[4] with other lands in *Mileham Lyng,* &c. by one fee and an half, and by a quarter of a fee, paying 25*s. per ann.* to the ward of *Richmond* castle: of this see before in *Godric's* manor.

The temporalities of the priory of *Westacre* in 1428, were valued at 4*s. per ann.;* of *Cokesford* at 1*d.; West Derham* 12*d.; Petreston* priory 4*s.;* and *Castleacre,* at 16*s.*

William, son of *Walter de Rucham,* granted to *Castleacre* priory half an acre in *Sterille. William,* son of *Yruei de Rucham* half an acre at *Grenegate. William de Curcun,* son of *Ralph de Curcun,* confirmed to that house, a tenement which *Walter* son *Yruei* gave to *Roger Dussing* when he espoused *Leveva,* daughter of *William Yruei,* and 4 acres which *Roger,* son of *Thorald* held.[5]

William, son and heir of *Alexander de Rucham,* by the advice of his mother *Ismana,* and *Richard* his brother, gave lands: witness *Reiner de Dunton,* then steward to the Earl *Warren,* Mr. *Ralph de Harpele,* Mr. *Edmund de Massingham, Philip de Burnham,* &c. with many others were benefactors, by their deeds *sans date;* all which coming to the Crown on the dissolution of that priory, it seems to be granted to *Robert Hogan,* who held lands here *in capite* of King *Henry* VIII.

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[2] Terre Hermeri——In Ruhham ten. Fulb'tus, i car. terre. tenuit ide T.R.E. tc. i car. mo. dim. et dim. potest restaurari, et val. x sol. soca Regis in Muleham.

[3] But the soc, the chief power, the court baron, &c. belonged to the King's manor of Mileham: this Fulbert was also a priest, and the same who in the account of Norwich, in Domesday book, is called Fulbertus quidam sacerdos Hermeri, and held then a house in Norwich.

[4] Reg. Honor. Rich. fol. 45.

[5] Regist. Castleac. fol. 24, &c

in his 35th year, by the 20th part of a fee, *Thomas*, prior of *Castleacre*, granted by fine to that King in his 29th year.

Concealed lands here granted in the 38th of *Elizabeth*, to ——— *Tippet*, and ——— *Dawe*, and in the 39th to ——— *Hussey*, and ——— *Goodman*.

The tenths were 8*l.* 5*s.*—Deduct 2*l.* 5*s.*—Remain 6*l.*

The CHURCH was dedicated to St. *Mary*, and being a rectory appropriated to the priory of *Westacre*, a vicarage was settled valued at 11 marks, the rectory at 30 marks, the vicarage was in the presentation of the said convent, and paid *Peter*-pence 20*d.*

Simon de Wanton Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed in 1265, to the prior of *Castleacre* two parts of the tithes of the demean formerly of *Hugh de Folkinton*, and a moiety of all the tithes of the demeans formerly of *Julian*, daughter of *William Fitz Richard de Wyrmell*, at that time the demean of *William Boteler* and his men.

Henry, prior of *Westacre*, had confirmed to him the appropriation of this church first appropriated by *Ralph Walpole* Bishop of *Norwich*, in *Edward* the First's time, confirmed also by his immediate sucessour, *John Slamon:*[6] the bull of Pope *Nicholas* is cited, wherein it is set forth that the monastery of *Westacre* had been lately burnt down, and therefore the Bishop gave license in 1303, and a composition was then made, that the vicar should have all the mortuaries, 4 quarters of corn, 2 of wheat and 2 of barley, the herbage of the churchyard, and the chapel annexed.

In the 2d of *Elizabeth* the impropriate rectory, which on the dissolution of *Westacre* priory came to the Crown, was granted *July* 8, to *Richard Nichols;* the present valor of the vicarage is 28*s.* 5*d.* and the patronage is in the Crown, and pays no first-fruits or tenths.

VICARS.

1301, *John de Thursford*, presented by the prior, &c. of *Westacre*, but nominated by the Bishop of *Norwich*.
1340, *Adam de East Barkwath. Ditto.*
1340, *John de Keteryng. Ditto.*
1349, *John Brandon. Ditto.*
1349, *Henry Pollard. Ditto.*
1368, *Thomas Calver. Ditto.*
1393, *John Cheyney. Ditto.*
1395, *William Hukon. Ditto.*
1397, *William Hokkely. Ditto.*
1397, *Robert Forster. Ditto.*
1406, *John Rake. Ditto.*
Benedict Bishop, vicar.
1427 *Robert Garbbe.*
1432, *Richard de Castleacre.*
1443, *John Robins.*
1454, *John Cokegel.*
1458, *Nicholas Foster.*
1463, *Thomas Pocock.*

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[6] Archiv. Decan. et Capit. Norw.

John Coket, vicar.
1467, *Frater John Ward.*
1471, *Frater John Swaffham.*
1503, *Richard Croft.*
1506, *Robert Webster.*
1527, *Thomas Yemmes.*
1534, *Laur. Asheworth.*
1554, *William Burton*, presented by the King and Queen.
Owen Ducket, vicar.
1583, *Bartholomew Fenic*, by the Queen.
1586, *Robert Brooke. Ditto.*
1619, *John Wood*, by the King.
1671, *William Briggs.*
1709, *Robert Forbes*, by the Queen.
1710, *Ambr. Pimlow. Ditto.*
1723, *Thomas Grigson*, by the King.
17--, Mr.—— *Selby*, by the King, the present vicar.

In this church were the guilds of St. *Mary*, and of the resurrection of *Christ*, and St. *Mary's* light.

The spiritualities of *Castleacre* priory in 1428, were valued at 40*s. per ann.*

At the west end of the steeple is a broken crucifix of stone, and seems to have been well performed.

On the pavement of the chancel lie several gravestones,

Orate p. a'ia Joh. Swafham, quonda' vicarij hujus ecclie qui ob. A°. D'ni Millmo CCCC. Nonagesimo 9°. cuj. &c.

One with the arms of *North, azure*, a lion passant *or*, between three lis, *argent.*

Hic jacet Montague North, filius natu quintus prænobilis Dudlej D'ni North Baronis de Kirtling, ob. apud Rougham 27, Sept. 1710.

One with the portraitures of two infants in brass,

Obitus Joh. Yelverton, 1505.—*Obitus Rogeri Yelverton,* 1510.

On a gravestone at the east end of the chancel, the effigies of a man between his two wives; under his first wife, on his right hand, the portraitures of 10 children in brass, and under the other 6 children; the plate whereon was the epitaph is torn off, but by the arms it appears to be—*In memory of William Yelverton, Esq; and his two wives, Anne, daughter of Farmer, and Jane, daughter of Cocket,* over him, on a plate, the arms of *Yelverton, argent,* three lioncels, rampant, and a chief *gules*; over his first wife *Fermour, argent,* on a saltier, *azure,* between four lions heads erased *gules,* a martlet between four bezants *or,* on a chief of the 2d an anchor between two pallets of the 4th; and over his 2d wife per bend, *argent,* and *sable,* three lis in bend counterchanged, *Cocket,* quartering in the 2d place, *sable,* a griffin segreant in an orle of martlets, *argent, Fragmere;* in the 3d *argent,* fess between six oaken leaves, *Fitz Langley;* in the 4th fess between three talbots passant, in the 5th, *argent,* on a bend, between two lions rampant, *sable,* a cockatrice, *or* wivern, of the first, *Ruding;* 6th as the first.

On the north side of the chancel is an isle or chapel, in it a gravestone,

In memory of Elizabeth Peyton, daughter of Sir William Yelverton and Ursula his wife, the heir of that family, who died June, 15, 1668.
Picæ hic dormientis memoriæ hoc monumentum posuit Js. B.
Thomas, son of Thomas Peyton and Elizabeth, aged 13 *weeks, obt.* 1637.

One with the arms of *Yelverton,* impaling *or,* on a chief *sable,* three lions heads erased, of the first *Richardson.*

Sir William Yelverton, Bt. of Rougham died 1648, *July* 19, *and Ursula, daughter of Thomas, Lord Richardson his wife, March* 20, 1657.

Also,

Sir William Yelverton, Bt. their only son who died 1649, *November* 15, *without issue.*

Posteris et præsentibus amoris ergo Joh. Bladwell, armiger, posuit.

One with the arms of *Bladwell,* per pale, *argent* and *gules,* a lion rampant, *sable,*

Here lies interred Sir John Bladwell, the eldest son of William Bladwell of Swanington, Esq; of that antient family; he was a loyal subject, a faithful friend a good neighbour, truly just, and wisely charitable, he loved the church and her well composed liturgy, and was a constant receiver of holy communion; he endowed the vicarage of this town with a good house and some land adjoyning to it: he left this world the 14*th of October, in the year of his age* 64, *and of our Lord* 1680.

On a stone with the portraiture of one in brass, with his lady, 7 sons, and a daughter.

In memory of William Yelverton, Esq; eldest son of Sir William Yelverton the judge, by his 2d wife, the brass shields with the arms are torn off, &c. but on a plate there remain these Latin verses;

Christe precor vere mi Willelmi misereri,
Mater Alma Dej Rogo Yelverton misereri,
Consortisq sue Yelverton[7] *olim Katerine,*
Armigeriq Edwardi quondam pro Corpore Quarti
Obt. 9 *die Julij, A°. a nativitate Christi* 1481,
Jesu mercy, lady help.

In the said isle is a low altar tomb with the effigies of one in amour, and his lady, in memory of the judge, and on a plate,

Orate p. aiab; Willelmi Yelverton, militis et quonda' justici' Domini Regis de suo Banco. et Domine Agnetis uxor' sue qui quide' Willelmo obijt, 27 *die Martis* - - - - - -

In the east window is the figure of a crucifix with the Virgin and St. *John* the Evangelist, and beneath it a woman on her knees,

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[7] William Yelverton, jun, Esq. and Catherine his wife, presented in 1459, to the church of St. Peter's of Klipesby in Norfolk; she was daughter of Henry Spilman, Esq. of Stow Beccles, and married first William de Clipesby, Esq. lord of Clipesby, and she held it in dower.

Pries pur L'ame ---------; there are small shields on the side of it—*sable, or,* and a chief *gules*- - -, and ----- a tower with escallops.

In a north window—quarterly, in the 1st and 4th azure, a lion rampant, *or* in the 2d and 3d gules, a maunch *ermine*; impaling *argent*, a chief *gules*, the ancient arms of the family of *Rougham.*

On the screen between the church and chancel, on a bend six ears of corn or leaves.

On the desk, a chevron between three chessrooks, -------, three cinquefoils, probably Lord *Bardolf, Yelverton's* arms, and *Brews*; *argent*, a lion rampant, crowned and crucily of cross croslets, *or*, impaling, a lion rampant and semy of cinquefoils.

Against the south side of the chancel, in a frame, are the Lord's Prayer, Creed and Ten Commandments wrought in needle work.

There is a single building covered with lead, at the west end is a square steeple with two bells, on one

Missus de Cælis habeo nomen Gabrielis.

The chancel is thatched, and has a chapel or north isle.

It appears that there was formerly a north isle to the church, and on the south side of the church there is a library built up by the late Mr. *North*, and furnished with books by his own and other benefactions.

At a distance from the church, to the south, was an old chapel, now called the *Chapel-barn.*

Rough or *Row* gives names to several towns, to this and one in *Suffolk*, &c. and to an hamlet called *Rougholm* or *Rowholm* in *Gressenhall*, to *Rowhampton* in *Surrey*, to *Roughton* or *Rowston* in *Lincolnshire*, &c.

SCARNING.

THE principal lordship of this village was held by *Fredric*, a freeman, or *Saxon* thane in the reign of *Edward* the Confessor, but on the Conquest was granted to *William* Earl *Warren*, there was one carucate and a half of land held by 4 villains, and 6 borderers, with 3 acres of meadow; one carucate in demean, and one amongst the tenants or men, a mill, &c. valued at 30*s*. his predecessor had only the protection of them, but their predecessors had the soc.[8]

SCARNING HALL.

This was possessed by the family of *De Fransham*, and Sir *William de Fransham* (a descendant of *Gilbert*, who was enfeoffed herein by the Earl *Warren*) was found in the 3d of *Edward* I. to hold here and in *Fransham Magna,* one fee of the Earl *Warren,* and in the 19th of *Edward* II. a fine was levied between *Geff. de Fransham* and *Joan* his wife, querents, and *Roger de Swanton:* and *Thomas* Parson of *Scarning,* defendants of this manor; settled on *Jeffrey* and *Joan,* and their heirs, she being probably daughter of *Roger de Swanton:* *Jeffrey de Fransham,* Esq. son of *Gilbert,* dying in 1414 without issue, left his 5 sisters his coheirs, and the greatest part of his inheritence here was settled on *Alice* his second, and on *Agatha* his fifth sister and coheir.

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[8] Tre Will. de Warenna——Scerningha tenuit Fred. Regis lib. ho. T. R. E. i car. tre et dim. sep. iiii vill. et vi bord. iii ac. p'ti. semp. i car. in d'nio et i car. hom. silva de xxx porc. semp. i molin. tc. val. xx sol. modo xxx de feudo Fedrici et suus antec. habuit comd. tantu'. et sui antecessores habuer'. soca ipsimet.

Alice married ——— *de Thuxton,* by whom she had *Theobald de Thuxton,* who left 5 daughters and coheirs, *Alice,* married to ——— *Pinkeman; Margaret* to *Robert Broom; Annora* to ——— *Aslake* and after to ——— *Lesingham; Beatrix* to ——— *Bamburgh,* and *Catherine* to ——— *Harneys.*

Agatha married to ——— *Arnold,* who with her sister *Alice* had such an equal moiety of this manor.

Edmund Swathing, Esq. son of *William* who married the third sister and coheir of *Jeffrey de Fransham* having purchased three parts of the five parts of the moiety of this lordship with that of *Dallington, viz.* the parts of *Alice Pinkeman, Beatrix Bamburgh,* and *Catherine Harneys,* three of the five daughters and coheirs of *Theobald de Thuxton,* son of *Alice* aforesaid presented in their right to the rectory of this church in 1423, and *Thomas Sharington,* son of *Thomas Sharingtou,* son of *Henry Sharington* and *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter and heir of *Edmund Swathing,* held the same in the 19th of *Henry* VII.

In 1434, *Thomas Arnold* of *Rollesby,* and *Henry Sharington* of *East Derham,* and in 1438, &c. and *Thomas Arnold,* Esq. in 1441, in right of *Agatha's* moiety of this manor; and before, this in 1438, *Margaret,* widow of *Robert Broom,* in right of her 5th part of the moiety of her mother *Alice;* and in 1453, *Henry Lesingham* presented in right of the fifth part of *Annora* his wife.

After this the two moieties of the two sisters abovementioned seem to be united and possessed by *Roger Townsend,* Esq. who presented in 1509, and in 1537, being then a knight, and *Hellen,* relict of *John Townsend,* Esq, his eldest son, presented in 1553, and Sir *Roger Townsend,* Knt. was lord in 1595, but in 1597, *Edmund Anguish* was lord and patron, who purchased it of the *Townsends.*

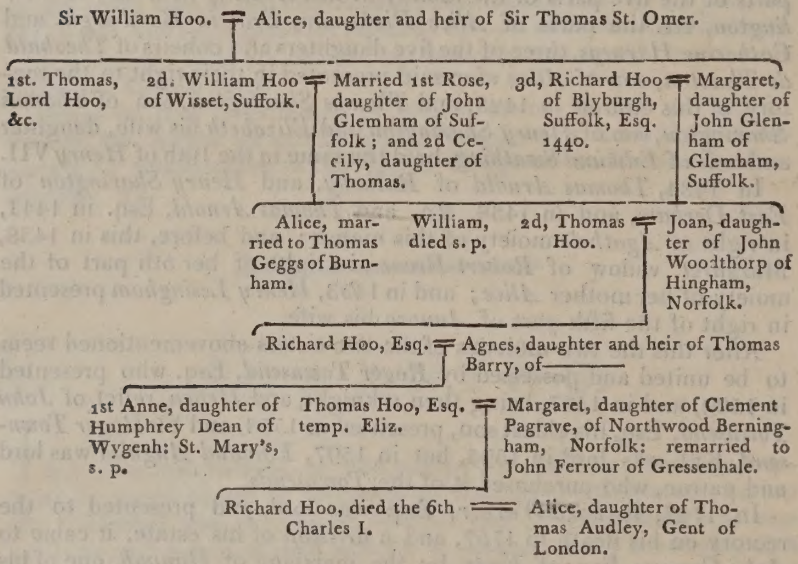
In 1723, *Richard Warner,* Esq. was lord, and presented to the rectory on his death in 1757, and a division of his estate, it came to *John Conyers,* Esq. of *Essex,* by the marriage of *Hannah,* one of his daughters and coheirs.

NORTHEN-HALL, GUNTON'S OR WENDLING ABBEY MANOR.

This manor belonged to the Earl *Warren's* fee, and was situated at the north end of the town; the family of the *Skernings* were ancient lords of it, and *Alexander,* son of *Roger de Scerning,* settled by fine, in the 8th of *Edward* II. 9 messuages, a toft, 106 acres of land, 8 of meadow, 8 of pasture, and 36*s.* rent *per ann.* on *John de Gunton.*

In the 34th year of King *Henry* III. *Roger,* son of *Adam* and *Cecilia* his wife, passed by fine to *William* son of *John de Wendling,* a messuage and lands; and in the 52d of that King, the said *William* settled on *Nicholas*, abbot of *Wendling*, and his successours, 5 messuages, 87 acres of land, one mill, and 10s. rent by fine then levied; this with other lands given made up the manors of *Northen-hall*, and *Gunton's*, in *Scarning Parva*, all which belonged to *Wendling* abbey, and was granted by King *Henry* VIII. in his 35th year, to *Robert Hogan*, Esq. to be held by knight's service by patent dated *November* 1; he died seized of it *November* 4, in the 1st of *Edward* VI. leaving *Thomas* his son and heir, who with *Susan* his wife, by license under the great seal, dated *March* 20, in the second year of the said King, aliened them to *Thomas Hoo*, and *Richard Hoo*, father and son, who lived at *Burnham Overy* in *Norfolk*, and *Richard* having the manor of *Barrys* in *East Tudenham*, they made that their residence. This family was descended from *Robert Hoo*, third son of Sir *William Hoo*, by *Alice*, daughter of Sir *Thomas St. Omer*, as the pedigree following testifies.

HOO'S PEDIGREE,


Sir William Hoo. = Alice, daughter and heir of Sir Thomas St. Omer.
1st. Thomas, Lord Hoo, &c.
2d. William Hoo of Wisset, Suffolk. = Married 1st Rose, daughter of John Glemham of Suffolk; and 2d Cecily, daughter of Thomas.
3d, Richard Hoo of Blyburgh, Suffolk, Esq. 1440. = Margaret, daughter of John Glenham of Glemham, Suffolk.
Alice, married to Thomas Geggs of Burnham.
William, died s. p.
2d, Thomas Hoo. = Joan, daughter of John Woodthorp of Hingham, Norfolk.
Richard Hoo, Esq. = Agnes, daughter and heir of Thomas Barry, of———
1st Anne, daughter of Humphrey Dean of Wygenh: St. Mary's, s. p.
Thomas Hoo, Esq. temp. Eliz. = Margaret, daughter of Clement Pagrave, of Northwood Berningham, Norfolk: remarried to John Ferrour of Gressenhale.
Richard Hoo, died the 6th Charles I. = Alice, daughter of Thomas Audley, Gent of London.

This *Richard Hoo* of *Scarning*, Esq. left by *Alice* his wife, two daughters and coheirs, *Elizabeth*, married to *John Games*, Gent. second son of Sir *John Games* of *Newton*, in *Brecknockshire*, in *Wales*; and *Roberta*, married to *Francis Steward*, third son of *John Steward* of *Braughing* in *Hertfordshire*, and of *Marham* in *Norfolk*, Esq. by whom he had *Hoo Steward*, Esq. a bencher of *Grey's Inn*, *London*, who sold his moiety of this lordship to Alderman *Farrington* of *London*, who presented to this church in 1690.

Farrington bore *argent*, a chevron *gules*, between three leopards heads, *sable*.

John Games, by *Elizabeth* his wife, left 3 daughters and coheirs, *Florence*, married to *Richard Lucy*, clerk, of St. *Davids* in *Wales*;

Elizabeth, married to *Thomas Walker*, Esq. of *Grey's Inn*, counsellor at law, and *Catherine*, who was unmarried in 1689, who all joined, and conveyed their moiety of this lordship to *Oliver le Neve*, Esq. in the said year, with the impropriate rectory and advowson of the vicarage, who sold the same in 1701, to *Humphrey Prideaux*, D.D. afterterwards dean of *Norwich*.

WALTHAM ABBEY MANOR.

WILLIAM, son of *Aylmer de Skerning* or *Skerling*, gave by deed *sans* date to this abbey his messuage and lands held of *Gilbert de Fransham* by 2*s*. rent, and his land held of *William de Drayton* in this town, by 4*d*. rent, which *William*, for his own and the soul of *Aveline* his wife, confirmed it.[9] *Robert*, brother of *William*, *Gilbert de Fransham*. *Roger Gelafre*, and *Beatrix* his wife, widow of *Gilbert*, also confirmed it.

Of this family was *Alexander de Skerning*, who married *Nichola*, daughter and heiress of *Roger L'Estrange*, about the 34th of *Henry* III.

Thomas, son of *Baldwin* gave them lands at the church, the house called *Stubbes*, and lands called *Sponesbrugge*.—*Ralph*, son of *Peter*, gave them lands.—*Roger de Freville* gave them his meadow between the chapel of St. *Botolph* and *Sponesbergh*, *Lecia* his wife also gave lands.

William de Drayton, by deed *sans date*, gave them the moiety of the church in the time of *Hubert* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and *John* Bishop of *Norwich*, his cotemporary, confirmed it, saving all dues to the Bishop, and a competent support for a vicar, to celebrate in that moiety, and there being a controversy between the rector and the abbot about houses and barns near the church, they exchanged one with the other; and about the tithes of the abbot's moiety, the rector remits them wholly to the abbot, and the said abbot gave to St. *Katerine* and the nuns of *Blackberewe* all the tithes of their free land, and of the land which was *William's*, son of *Aylmer*.

Pope *Innocent* the Third confirmed to them their right in this church, that no tithes should be exacted of the lands they held, dated 1198, and King *Henry* III. granted them *March* 30, in his 37th year, free warren here.

At the dissolution of this abbey, the possessions thereto belonging, the impropriate rectory with the patronage of the vicarage, were granted, *September* 9, to Sir *William Fermour*, who on the 24th of *July* following, in the 37th of *Henry* VIII. conveyed them to *Richard Hoo* of *Scarning*, Gent. and so came to *Games* and *Steward*, &c. as above.

Part of this town was a lordship or beruite belonging to the Earl *Warren's* manor of *Gressenhale*; to it belonged half a carucate of land, 5 borderers, &c. one carucate in demean, and one amongst the men.[1]

Wimer held it at the survey, and it was valued with *Gressenhale*, and had the same capital lords as may be there seen.

John de Lacy, and *Thomas de Erleham*, held it of *Richard Foliot* in *Edward* the First's time, and *John Poynter*, and *John Sterling* of the *Hastings*, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. and this was the manor (as I take it) that *William Aggas*, Gent. died possessed of in 1458.

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[9] Regist. Abbat. Waltham.

[1] Hic jacet (Gressenhala) semp. i berewita Scerninga dim. car. terre et v bord. et i ac' pti. semp. i car. in dominio et i car. hominu' et xx porc. et iiii an. &c. Wimerus tenet.

Ralph Lord *Baynard* had a small fee or lordship belonging to his capital manor of *East Bradenham* in *South Greenhow* hundred, viz. 80 acres of land, and 3 of meadow, and 2 socmen held 12 acres of land, but the soc was in *Mileham* manor.[2]

Roger de Huntingfeld held it in King *John's* reign, and was found to withdraw it from the hundred suit, after the war commenced between that King and his barons.

Joan de Huntingfeld claimed free warren here in the 15th of *Edward* I. and *William de Huntingfeld*, lord of *Bradenham East*, was found to possess it in the 7th of *Edward* II. and *Roger* was his son, aged 8 years.

Anne Hungate sold lands here and in *East Bradenham* held in *capite*, to Sir *Francis Bacon*, 13th of *James* I.; and in 1659, *Henry Hungate*, Esq. had an estate here 100*l per ann.* as then taxed.

DRAYTON HALL

WAS part of *Ralph de Beaufoe's* lordship in *East Derham*, and *Swanton*, at the survey, and extended into this village; it took its name from its ancient lords, and it was seated in a close that retains its name; see in *East Derham*.

Agnes, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Will. de Drayton*, had by a fine (in the 14th of *Henry* III.) this lordship which the services and homage of *Thomas*, son of *Baldwyn*, being the fourth part of a fee settled on her and *William Lanveisey* her huband, held of the *Marshals*, lords of the barony of *Rhye*. *Alice*, the other daughter and coheir, married *Jervace de Bradfield*, and afterwards *William de Bellomont*. *Godfrey* or *Geoffrey de Bellomonte*, or *Beaumont*, his son, claimed the assize of bread and beer of his tenants, the lete and view of frank pledge, with the view of the King's bailiff of the honour of *Hokering*, in the 15th of *Edward* I. and in the 21st of that King, *John de Beaumont* had a charter for free warren in his demean lands in this town, *East Derham*, *Drayton*, *Taverham*, &c.; he was brother of *Godfrey* who died about this time; and it appears that *Godfrey* had married *Cecilia de Ferrarijs*, and died without issue, but some records call her *Alianore*.

In a court of this manor held in the 3d year of *Edward* III. the jury swear that *William de Bellomonte*, late lord, granted to *Roger de Beston* of *Scarning*, that he might common with his cattle *(averijs)* any where in the common pasture in *Scarning*, called *Toftwood* hill, for a certain messuage situate in *Brendwode*.

In the 39th of *Edward* III. *William Catts* was lord, and paid 3*s*. 9*d*. *per ann.* on the feast of Holy Cross, in *May*, to the Lord *Morley*, lord of *Hokering*, and to the lord of the hundred 2*s*. lete fee, 22*d*. moterent, and suit of court to the hundred at *Easter* and St. *Michael*; and in the 13th of *Henry* VII. Sir *Henry Heydon* conveyed it to *William Bardwell*, junior, Esq. in exchange for the manor of *Wit-*

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[2] Tre. Rad. Bainardi——In Scerninga sunt DXXX ac. tre. hoc. jacet in Bredenham et iii p'ti et ii soc. xii ac. tre. soca e sep. juste in Muleham.

chingham, in *Salthouse* and *Kelling,* on *September* 8, and *Robert Bardwell,* Esq. son and heir of *William,* was lord in the 3d of *Henry* VIII.

On the 4th of *March* in the 4th of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Robert Southwell* sold to *William Wotton,* all his right in the wardship, custody, and marriage of *Elizabeth,* daughter and heir of *Robert Bardwell,* Esq. by virtue of a grant to him from Sir *Edward Howard,* held of the said *Edward,* in right of the lady *Morley* his wife: and *John Wotton* of *North Tudenham,* Esq. who married the said *Elizabeth Bardwell,* died seized of it *November* 14, in the 37th of the aforesaid King: about this time it appears that there belonged to it 200 acres of land, 40 of meadow, 200 of pasture, 60 of wood, 200 of moor, and 6*l.* rent *per ann.* in this town and *Dillington.*

Anne, the only daughter and heir of *John Wotton* and *Elizabeth* his wife, married first Sir *Thomas Woodhouse,* of *Waxham,* secondly *Henry Repps,* Esq. by whom she had no issue; and about 1555, she married *Bassingbourn Gawdy,* Esq. second son of *Thomas Gawdy,* serjeant at law, and *Thomas Hoo,* Esq. resigned to him and *Anne* his wife, all his right in 26*s.* 8*d.* rent in the 3d of *Elizabeth,* issuing out of this lordship payable to that of *Northern* hall, &c. *Bassingbourn Gawdy,* Esq. son and heir of Sir *Bassingbourn* and his lady *Anne,* kept his first court here in the 13th of the said Queen.

In the 15th of *James* I. there was a *præcipe* for *John Boldero,* Gent. to deliver it to *Eustace Darcy,* Esq. and *Thomas Godbould.*

Afterwards it was possessed by the *Repps* of *Mattishale,* and by *Richard Warner,* Esq. who died seized of it in 1757, and by his daughter and coheir is brought to ——— *Conyers,* Esq.

Concealed lands and a close called *Games* granted to *Edmund Dyer* and *Henry Cressener* in fee farm, in the 16th of *Elizabeth.*

The temporalities of *Carhow* abbey in 1428 were charged at 3*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*; *Wendling* abbey 22*s. ob.*

The town takes its name from *Scar,* a rivulet that arises in this parish, and *Ing,* that is meadows on the *Scar;* thus we find *Scargill* (the rivulet of the *Scar*) in *Yorkshire, Scars-Dale* in *Derbyshire, Scarle* in *Nottinghamshire,* &c.

The Church is dedicated to St. *Peter* and St. *Paul,* and contained two medieties, one in the patronage of the *Franshams,* lord of the manor, and the other appropriated to the abbey of *Waltham:* the first mediety was called the portion of *Hugh de Fransham,* which was valued at 20 marks, he being rector of it when it was thus taxed in 1256; the present valor is 9*l.* 0*s.* 1*d. ob.* and pays first fruits and tenths.

By an inquisition taken in the reign of *Henry* II. by Sir *Roger Freville, Martin de Helegate, Roger,* son of *Simon,* &c. it was found that *Robert de Skerning,* who was formerly rector of this church, and lord of a fee, gave the tithes of his fee to the church of *Norwich* in the time of St. *Thomas Becket* the Martyr, without any diminution.

Afterwards *Richard,* son of the said *Robert* the rector, farmed the said tithes of the monks of *Norwich* in his father's life time; and, after his death, being rector also, farmed them all his life for 6*s. per ann.* and the said *Richard,* taking to himself a wife after the Archbishop *Becket's* death, resigned the said rectory and the tithes into the hands of the monks: on this resignation,[3] *Richard de Draiton* became rector, and did not farm the said tithes; but *Simon*, son of *Richard de Skerning*, the aforesaid rector who resigned, farmed them.

On the death of *Richard de Draiton*, *Vincent* became rector, and on *Vincent's* death, the abbot of *Waltham*, and *Simon*, son of the said *Vincent*, being rectors of this church, sued the abovementioned *Simon*, son of *Richard de Skerning*, on account of the said tithes farmed by him, insomuch that he resigned them into the hands of the said monks, who let them to *Adam*, brother of the said *Simon*, who agreed to resign them to *Simon*, son of *Vincent* the rector, and he farmed them all his life at 6*s*. *per ann.*; after this, the said *Simon*, being desirous to provide for his nephew, *Jeff. Pecche* resigned his moiety or rectory to *Geff.* who was instituted rector, and kept still the farm of these tithes all his life.

RECTORS.

1299, *Alexander de Fransham*, presented by Sir *William de Fransham.*

1323, *Thomas de North Pickenham*, by *Jeff. de Fransham.*

1334, *Jeff. Duraunt. Ditto.*

1361, *Robert Hubert, vel Hoberd*, by *Gilbert de Fransham.*

1372, *Walter Toucester*, by *Agnes*, relict of *Gilbert.*

1377, *John Bynges. Ditto.*

1412, *John Coupee*, by Sir *John Heveningham*, Knt.

1423, *Thomas Gerrard*, by *Edmund Swathyng*, Esq.

Stephen Noble, rector, resigned.

1434, *William Wroo*, by *Thomas Arnold*, of *Rollesby*, and *Henry Sharington* of *East Derham.*

1438, Mr. *William Hall*, LL.B. by *Margery*, relict of *Robert Broom.*

1441, *Robert March*, by *Thomas Arnold*, Esq.

1453, *John Westhawe*, by *Henry Lesingham* of *Crostweyt.*

1485, *Jeromy Crow*, by *Thomas Sharington* of *Crostwait*, Gent.

1509, *Greg. Hochekyns*, by *Roger Townesend*, Esq.

1511, *John Wright.*

1537 *Henry Salter*, by Sir *Roger Townsend.*

1553, *John Echard*, by *Helen*, relict of *John Townsend* of *Brampton*, Esq.

1557, *Hugh Castelton*, by the Queen.

1583, *Michael Denby*, by the Bishop by lapse.

1595, *Thomas Crane*, by the assignees of *Roger Townsend.*

1597, *Thomas Crane*, by *Edmund Anguish.*

George Hall, occurs rector 1605, and died 1628, and rector of *Sidistern.*

Richard Anguish compounded for first fruits *May* 25, 1639, A.M. ejected in 1644, by the Earl of *Manchester.*

Peter Burgess.

1661, *Nicholas Repps*, D.D.

1623, *John Lane*, by *Benjamin Lane*, clerk.

1723, *John Lomb*, by *Richard Warner*, Esq.

1739, *Thomas Eglington*, D.D. by *Richard Warner*, Esq.

1741, *Richard Tappes. Ditto.*

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[3] Regist. Cath. Norw. 5.

The other moiety of the church was given by *William de Draiton*, to *Waltham* abbey by deed *sans date*, lord of *Drayton* hall in the time of *Hubert Walter* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, who was a witness to it; and *John* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed it; it was valued at 20 marks as a rectory, and was appropriated to the said abbey, a vicarage being settled, now charged at 9*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.* and is discharged of first fruits and tenths.

John de Ferentine, dean of *Holt*, proctor of the archdeacon of *Norfolk*, to institute in the said archdeaconry in the vacany of the see of *Norwich*, certified that the vicarage, with the consent of the abbot and convent aforesaid, was taxed in this manner. The vicar to have all the altarage of the said church, and to sustain all episcopal and archidiaconal charges due and customary, to keep residence, and the said abbot and convent at all times shall present the vicar to the ordinary of the place, dated *October* - -, 1235, and confirmed by *William* (*Raleigh*) Bishop of *Norwich*, 15 Kal. *September*, in his third year.

VICARS.

1322, *Jeff. de Causton*, presented by the abbot and convent of *Waltham*.

1349, *Adam de Steynburgh*, vicar, presented by the abbot and convent of *Waltham*.

1350, *John Shortwode*. *Ditto*.

1358, *John Stykelin*. *Ditto*.

1381, *Robert Sopper*. *Ditto*.

1431, *John Lalle*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1435, *Henry Carleton*, by the abbot, &c.

On *July* 22, 1444, the vicarage was augmented, the abbot being to pay 6 marks *per ann.* to the vicar.

John Fayrman, vicar.

1479, *Robert Baker*, by the abbot, &c.

1503, *William Slapp*. *Ditto*.

1524, *Oliver Fenton*. *Ditto*.

1525, *Nicholas Walsham*, by *ditto*.

Henry Salter.

1553, *Thomas Steines*, A.M. by *Richard Hoo*, Gent. and *Thomas*, his son.[*]

1554, *George Leeds*. *Ditto*.

1555, *John Echard*, united to the rectory. *Ditto*.

1567, *Hugh Castilton*, A.M. prebend of *Norwich*, by *Richard Hoo*, Esq.

1583, *William Marshall*, *Ditto*.

Thomas Crane, occurs vicar 1596.

1662, *Ralph Tench*, vicar.

1668, *Robert Britton*, vicar.

1690, *Peter Burgess*, presented by *Daniel Farrington*, Esq.

1712, *John Lane*, A.M. to a moiety, and united to the rectory by *Benjamin Lane*, clerk.

1723, *John Lomb*, by *Richard Warner*, Esq.

[*] On Sep. 9. Ao. 37 Hen. VIII. Sir William Fermer, and Catherine his wife, had a grant of the rectory and vicarage belonging to Waltham priory.

1739, *Thomas Eglington*, by *Richard Warner, Esq.*
1741, *Richard Tappes. Ditto.*

The church is a single pile, without any isle, and has a strong square tower of flint-stone, &c. about 75 feet high, with 5 tunable bells, and a chancel.

By the communion table in the chancel lie several grave-stones; on one this shield; *gules*, a fess voided between three spear heads *argent, Browne*, impaling, *ermine*, three chevronels *sable, Repps.*

Hoc marmor tibi monstrat Riches Browne, Gen. cujus in vita nihil arguere volvas, nihil in moribus damnare pietate, justitia, temperantia nulli secundus; charitate benevolentia adeo insignis, ut se conscio neminem egere permitteret: si vitam contempleris, si mortem, dubites an potuerit vivere sanctior, an obire securior. Aug. 18, 1704, *Ætat.* 62, *animam efflavit. Sic te vivere sic te decet mori.*

A stone near this,

For Mary his wife, daughter of John Reppes of Mattishall, Esq. who died April 16, 1708, *aged* 63.

One

In memory of Barbara, wife of John Brown, Gent. daughter of L'Estrange Mordant of Congham, Esq. who died May 19, 1714, *aged* 36:—with the arms of *Browne* impaling *Mordaunt.*

Several grave-stones, in memory of the *Blackhalls*, and for

Anne Blackhall, wife of Edward Blackhall, Gent. who died Janu. 23, 1687, *aged* 55.

For

Elizabeth Batch, relict of John Batch, Gent. who died Janu. 24, 1712, *aged* 53, *and for John Batch, Gent. who died May* 12, 1704, *aged* 38.—and for *Edw. Batch, Gent. who died Sept.* 2, 1680.

A mural monument by the east window, with the effigies of an infant in alabaster,

In memory of Edward Games an infant, son of John Games of London, Esq. who died 1623; with this shield: quarterly, in the first and fourth, *sable*, a chevron between three spear-heads, *argent, Games*; impaling quarterley, *argent*, and *sable*, with a file of three, *gules*, in the 2d and 3d, *Hoo.*

On a gravestone in the church,

Hic jacet in spe beatæ resurrectionis Thomas Brett, Gen. Norfolciens. necnon grammatices, - - - - - - archididascalus: denatus prid. Kal. Feb. 1691, *æt.* 41.

On a brass plate,

Orate p. anima Johannis Russell, qui obt. 1537. *Depositum Joh. Burton, A.M. viri. imprimis eruditi, hujus scholæ suo tempore celeberrimæ Nordovicensis demum magistri vigilantissimi* 16 *Cal. Augusti A°.* 1699, *ætat.* 70, *defuncti.*

On a north window, the arms of the Lord *Bainard.*

The spiritualities of the priory of *Castleacre* were valued at *55s. per ann.*

In 1428, they had the tithes of the fee of *Roger*, son of *Simon*, before 1260, and in in 1265, *Simon* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to the said priory two parts of the tithes of the demean of *Gilbert de Fransham*, and of *Saer de Frevil*, and the tithe of the assarts of *Heringshawe*.

In 1366, the prior and convent aforesaid let to farm to *Robert Hoberd*, rector of this church, with the consent of *Gilbert de Fransham*, and *Thomas* Bishop of *Norwich*, 2 parts of the tithes of the demeans formerly *Gilbert de Fransham's* of *Saer de Frevile*, *Ralph de Ingresham*, and of the assarts of *Heringeshawe*, in the village and fields of *Skerning* containing 252 acres of land more or less for 20*s.* of silver *per ann.* to be paid at *Easter* and St. *Michael*.[5]

The prioress of *Blackburgh* had a portion of tithe valued at 10*s. per ann.*

The rectory of *Didlington* had also a portion belonging to it of the said value; and the spiritualities of *Norwich* priory was one mark.

In 1514, it appears that there was a chapel here dedicated to St. *Botolph*.

In this town is a free school well endowed.

DILLINGTON

WAS part of the lordship of *Scarning*, held by the *Franshams*, and on the death of *Jeffrey de Fransham* in 1414, his inheritance; and divided between his five sisters and coheirs: this came with *Scarning* to *Alice* his 2d and to *Agatha* his 5th sister and coheir, and so to their posterity as may be there seen at large.

Also the manor of *Drayton-hall* in *Scarning* extended into this town, of which see there.

HERINGESHAWE, AND DIKEWOOD MANORS.

The monks of *Castleacre* had a manor here belonging to the Earl *Warren's* fee, &c.

In the 4th of King *John*, *Peter de Watlington* granted by fine to *Lambert* prior of *Castleacre* 60 acres of land in *Dichwede* and *Lawendich*, before *G. de L'Isle*, *Reginald de Dornwall*, *Reginald de Argenton*, the King's justices;[6] and in the 5th of the said King, *Elfer* and *Alice* his wife granted to *Philip*, prior of the said monastery, 40 acres of land in *Heringshage*, by fine, before *Geff. Fitzpiers*, *Richard de Heringeshawe*, *Simon de Pateshull*, and *Eustace de Fauconbergh*, the King's justices.

King *Henry* III. by a charter dated at *Walsingham*, *March* 15, in his 40th year, granted to the said priory free warren in all their demean lands in *Heringeshawe* and *Kempston:* witnesses, *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich, Guy de Lezynian* (the King's brother) *William de Grey, Ralph de Bagepuz, Peter Everard, Bartholomew le Bygot, William de St. Ermin, William Gernon, Philip de Bukeland,* &c.

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[5] Regist. Castleac.

[6] Regist. Castleac.

In 1265, *Simon* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to the monks the tithes of *Great* and *Little Dytchwood,* of the demeans, formerly of *Reginald,* son of *Elwold,* as well as of the fee also of *Giffard,* as of the fee of *William de Franchevile,* said to be in *Wendling.*

In the Register of *Castleacre* priory, lately in the Lord *Oxford'* s library, are many grants, sans date, of lands here, to the sad priory. *Roger de Tony* gave the grove of *Haringeshae,* with all the lands and assart; witness, *A.* his mother, *Isabell* his daughter, &c.

John son of *Richard de Lettun,* for 4 marks and a gold ring, gave lands in *Heringeshae,* formerly *Ulkhetel Cronai,* his grandfather's *Richard de Cambois,* a wood called *Dickwde,* belonging to *Middleton,* for the soul of the Earl *Gilbert. William de Pelevill,* with the consent of *Peter* his son and heir, gave a part of *Dichwde* grove for the souls of *Hugh de Muntford, Robert de Muntford, Simon de Molendinis, and Adeliza* his wife, *Robert de Ver,* and for his own and his wife's souls, &c.

Robert de Ver, constable, and *Alice* his wife, daughter of *Hugh de Montfort,* gave the wood and land of *Landic: William de Francheville,* 10 acres and an half of land at *Heringeshae,* by *Great Dichwde,* and all the land which *William Lenwise* held of his fee at *Dichwde* in *Fransham.*

Reginald, son of *Elwold,* gave all the tithe of his fee in *Great* and *Little Dichwde,* as well of the fee of *Gifford,* as of the fee of *William de Franchevile.*

Richard de Wendling, son of *William,* formerly priest of *Fransham,* 5 acres in *Dichwde,* by *Heringshae.*

Walter, son of *William de Watlington,* released to them a tenement in *Dichwde,* which he bought for 6 marks and a palfry; witnesses, *Robert de Watlington* his brother, and *Robert,* son of *Robert de Watlington.*

Thomas de Hereford. and *Beatrix* his wife, daughter of *Henry de Gressenhale,* gave lands here.

Richard de Cambeys, by deed, sans date, gave for the soul of *Gilbert* Earl of *Gloucester,* and his own soul, *Dychewode.*

It appears that *Dykwood* was also a manor belonging to the said priory, and was conveyed as such, by *Thomas,* prior of *Castleacre,* by fine, in the 29th of *Henry* VIII. to that King, with the manor of *Heringshawe,* by fine; and in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary,* were held by the Duke of *Norfolk,* to whom (as I take it) King *Henry* granted them in his 29th year.

Heringshaw and *Dikewood* manors were afterwards possessed by Sir *Thomas Gresham,* Knt. and his lady left them to Sir *William Read,* her son, by her first husband, who, in the 4th year of King *James* I. settled them on *Mary* his wife, on marriage, and are then said to be in *Wendling* parish: she after remarried Sir *Edward Spencer,* who was lord in her right in 1634.

There were then a court-leet, court-baron, and about 20 suiters, some free, but most copyholders, belonging to it.

The fines and profits of court were, at that time, 3*l. per ann.* and Sir *Edward Cook*, impropriator of *Wendling*, received 5*l.* in lieu of tithes.

Mr. *Smith* of *East Derham* is the present lord, bought by him of Mrs. *Susan Thompson*, together with the manor of *Heringshaw.*

HOW

Is an hamlet belonging to, and in the parish of, *East Derham*, and belonged to the abbey of *Ely*, founded by St. *Audrey*, or *Etheldreda*, and was held by *Ralph*, son of *Ivo*, of the abbot, and afterwards of the King, as appears from the book of *Domesday*, consisting of one carucate of land, 8 villains, 10 borderers, 3 carucates and 8 acres of pasture, paunage for 100 swine, a mill, with all customs, and valued in *Derham.*

The soc belonged to the King's manor of *Mileham*, with 2 socmen, who held 28 acres of meadow, to which appertained half a carucate: this part was valued at 4*s. per ann.* The abbot had the protection and the right of foldage.[7]

This lordship was held by the *Walpoles* of the see of *Ely*. *James de Creike* and *Sarah* his wife were sued in the 34th of *Henry* III. by *Walter de Denever* and *Alice* his wife, to restore certain goods and chattels valued at 10 marks.

Hen. de Walpole, father of *Alice*, having granted to her the wool of his flock, 300 sheep in his manor of *Howe*, to be received yearly till the marriage of *Alice*, which was detained from her by *James* and his wife, who had the custody of *Henry*, son of *Osbert*, son of the said *Henry de Walpole.*

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the Bishop of *Ely* claimed the assise of bread and bear, soc, sac, thol and them, infangthief, view of frank-pledge, return of writs, as belonging to his manor of *East Dereham.* See there.

In the see it remained till in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, it was with other lands of that see, granted to the Crown.

Hamon L'Estrange, Esq. was found to die seized of the manor of *Heymer* in *Hoo*, *October* 7, in the 22d of *Elizabeth*, held of the Bishop of *Ely* by fealty, and 12*d.* rent; and *Nicholas L'Estrange* held it in the 25th of the said Queen.

King *James* I. in his 7th year, *September* 30, granted to *Edward Ferrers* and *Francis Philips*, a watermill, with the house in *Hoo*, and an osier ground adjoining, containing one rood, and a fishery beginning at the head of the mill, and extending itself near to Chapel-Mill, in the tenure of *Henry Browne*, being part of the manor of *East Derham*, and of the possessions of the see of *Ely*, of the rent of 4*l. per ann.* See in *East Derham.*

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[7] Terra S'ce. Adeldrede.——Rainald fi.i Ivonis tenet de abbe s; p. tenuit de Rege. In Hou tenet sep. i car. t're sep. viii vill. x bor. viii ac. p'ti. iii car. silv. c. por. i mol. hoc jacet in Derham c. om'i consuet. et in p'tio. Soca in Muleham Regis de ii soc. q'i h'nt xxiiii ac. et iiii ac. p'ti. silv. iiii porc. dim. car. val. iiii sol. abb. habuit com'd et soca falda.

Sir *Walter de Hoo*, Knt. gave lands in *Hoo*, and *Thomas* his son confirmed it by deed, sans date, to the monks of *Castleacre*; witnesses, *Richard Branch*, seneschal of the Earl *Warren.*

Mr. *Alexander de Walpole* held of the Earl the manor also of *Hereford Hall* in *Gressenhale*, that extended here; and *John de Hoo* held the fourth part of a fee in the 18th of *Henry* III. of *William de Stutvile.*

Thomas de Hereford was lord in 1277; and *Warin de Hereford* and *Margaret* his wife, had frank pledge, assise of bread and beer, &c. in the 15th of *Edward* I. in right, as is said, of the dower *Margaret*, of the inheritance of *Richard de Boyland.*

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *William Attechirch* held the fourth part of a fee of *Hugh de Hastings*, which *Sampson de Hoo* formerly held.

After this, *Hereford Hall* was held by the *Ferrours*, in King *Edward's* reign, &c. as in *Gressenhale.*

Thomas Utber Esq. lord of *Hoo*, of the *Middle Temple, London*, sold in 1661 to *Matthew Helcot*, tanner, of *Lutcham*, 160 acres of land, called *Eastfield Closes*, and in 1688, the manor of *Hoo* and *Hereford*, was possessed by *William Frith*, Esq. of *Horn Church* in *Essex*, who sold them to *Alderman Farington* of *London.*

In the 7th of *James* I. *Thomas Gooch* held lands in *Hoo*, *in capite*, and in 1659, *Thomas Gooch*, Gent. was taxed at 125*l. per ann.* in the militia rate for his estate.

To this hamlet belongs a chapel with a nave or body, a north and south isle, and a chancel covered with lead, with a square tower and 3 bells; and the cure is served by the vicar of *East Derham.*

In the middle isle before the pulpit, on a gravestone,

Orate p. a'i'a. Willi. Skarlet q; obijt XX *die Maij Ao. Dni.* MCCCCLXXXIIII *cuj; a'ia. p'pitietr. Deus.*

On another,

Orate p. a'i'ab; Johs. Dunha de Hoo, Gentilema, Alicie ux'is ejus, et Marg'e filie eorunde' Johs. et Alice, qui quidem Johs. obijt XXII *die Novembr. Ao. Dni.* MCCCCLXVII *quor. a'i'ab; p'pit. Deus, cu' hiis qui oderunt pacem erat pacificus, et cum loq'batr. illis impugnabant se gratis.*

In the north isle at the east end, was a chapel; in the window, *argent*, a lion rampant, *sable*, crowned, *or*, *Morley*; also the figures of a person lying as dead on an altar tomb, and 5 priests as praying by him, in a north widow; in the east window of the said isle is a representation of the crucifixion; and here was probably a clerk's chantry, there being at the bottom of the said window,

Orate p. a'i'ab; Johs. Clerk agnet. et Alicie uxr. ej; et p. q'ib; tenentur.

On a gray marble stone,

Here lyeth the body of Thomas Utber, gent. deceased, Nov. 25, 1641.

One,

In memory of Margaret, late wife of Thomas Utber, gent. decessed, 17 *Apr.* 1622.

On an altar tomb, of black marble, with the arms of *L'Estrange*, impaling *argent*, three chevronels, *sable, Lane;* with this motto,

Mihi parta tueri.

Depositum Susannæ L'estrange uxoris secundæ Rogeri L'estrange generosi, unius de filiabus et coheredidus Francisci Lane de Thuxton, in hoc agro Norfol. generosi; quæ annos nata XXXVII, *denata est* XII *cal. Martij* 1687, *cui ob. pietatem, virtutem et eximiam erga suos benevolentiam, ut posteris etiam pietatis, virtutis, et benevolentiæ exemplar innotesceret, hoc monumentum, L.M.Q.P. conjux fidissimus.*

And on a mural monument against the east wall here, the arms of *Lestrange.*

In vicino pulvere quiescunt exuviae Rogeri Lestrange,[8] *generosi hujus loci nup. incolae, qui illis vixit virtutibus ornatus quae maxime conveniunt sapienti. Per universam vitam is erat qui amicis charus, pauperi munificus, vicinis gratiosus, suor. memor et providus ut esset, et negotio sibi dedit et effecit, sacris interesse nunquam destitit. Æqui attentissime observans litis perosus. benevolentiae fere prodigus. Hunc itaq; tam integre et pie functum ijs officiis quae graviter ad omnes spectant, et illis maturum praemijs, quae solum optimis erogantur; Deus quasi jam emeritum sibi in coelum vendicavit, salutis* 1706, *ætat.* 63, *Oct.* 29. *Sic parentabat Leuknor Lestrange.*

He was his son by his 2d wife. *Roger's* first wife was ———, daughter of ——— *Hastings;* his 3d wife, *Amy*, daughter of ——— *Tyrell*, remarried to ——— *Crow* of *Bilney.*

In a north window of the chancel are the arms of the see of *Ely*, and quarterly, *gules*, three goats heads, erased, *argent*, attired *or*, in the first and fourth, and in the 2d and 3d *ermine*,—*Morton* Bishop of *Ely.*

STANFIELD.

THIRTY-THREE freemen held here 2 carucates of land under *Stigand* the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, who had the soc and protection of them, to whom there belonged five borderers with six acres of meadow, all which was possessed by *William* Earl *Warren*, at the survey.

This was valued then at 3*l. per ann.* but the soc was in the King's manor of *Mileham.*[9]

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[8] He was 3d son of Sir Nich. L'Estrange, Bart. by Anne, daughter of Sir Edward Lewknor, of Denham in Suffolk.

[9] T're. Willi de Warenna.—In Stanwelda ii car. t're. tenuer. xxxiii libi. ho'es, sub Stigando soca et com'd semp.

The aforesaid freemen, &c. held with this, and in other places under *Stigand*, 10 carucates.

This lordship came to the Earl *Warren* on an exchange for lands at *Lewes* in *Sussex*, and was held by *Wimerus*, the Earl's *dapifer*, lord of *Gressenhall*, and by his posterity; and *Jordan Foliot* was lord of it in the 15th of *Edward* I. and claimed free warren. From the *Foliots* it came to the *Hastings*, and to the *L'Estranges*, (as may be seen in *Gressenhale*,) Sir *Henry L'Estrange*, Bart. being the late lord.

Alan Earl of *Richmond* had 6 acres here, which, with lands in *Mileham*, were held by two socmen of *Stigand*, which the son of *Almarus* held under *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*.[1]

The tenths were 3*l*. 10*s*. Deducted 6*s*. 8*d*.

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Margaret*. The ancient valor was 10 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 2*d*. *ob*. the present valor in the King's Books is 6*l*. 14*s*. 2*d*.; has a long nave covered with lead, and a chancel tiled, with a square tower at the west end.

RECTORS.

1311, *John de Leges*, rector, presented by Sir *Richard Foylyot*, Knt.

1312, *Thomas de Leges*, by *ditto*.

Thomas de Burwell occurs rector in the 18th of *Edward* III.

1365, *Adam Vynour*, by Sir *Hugh de Hastings*.

1373, *John de Kirkeby*, by Sir *Hugh*, &c.

Thomas Paxman, rector.

John Elomy occurs rector in 1407.

1451, *John Grice*, by *John Wymondham*, Esq. and the Lady *Margaret Hastyngs* his wife.

William Herryson, rector.

1491, *Robert Woodhouse*, by Sir *John Hastings*.

1499, *Oliver Brigges*, by *ditto*.

1519, *John Warner*, by *Katharine*, one of the daughters and heirs of *Robert L'Estrange*, Esq. and relict of *John Hastings*, Esq. son of Sir *George Hastyngs*, Knt.

1556, *John Basse*, by *Katharine*, widow of Sir *Hastyngs*, Knt.

1560, *John Wright*, by *Hamon L'Estrange*, Esq.

1577, *John Dey*, by *ditto*,

1591, *Robert Pepper*, by *Richard Stubbs*, Esq. *hac vice*.

1592, *William Spilman*, by Sir *John Peyton*, Knt. *Roger L'Estrange*, &c.

1637, *William Swift*, by Sir *Ham. L'Estrange*.

1646, *Richard Tayler*. *Ditto*.

1664, *Christopher Moulton*, by Sir *Nicholas L'Estrange*, Baronet.

1670, *Thomas Mobbs*, A.M. by *John Cook* of *Holkham*.

1677, *Thomas Le Strange*, A.M. by Sir *Nicholas le Strange*, Bart.

1694, *Thomas Burges*. *Ditto*.

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v bord. et vi ac. p'ti. semp. intr. totu' x car. silva lx porc. tc. val. xl sol. modo lx hoc e de esc. de Laq'is soca in Mulha' Regis.

[1] T're Alani Comitis. In Stanfelda vi ac t're. qua' tenet filij Almari qd. tenuer. ii soc. Stigandi. T.R.E.

1703, *John Franklin*, by Sir *Nich. le Strange*, Bart.
1705, *James Martin*. *Ditto.*
1711, *Thomas Mangey*. *Ditto.*
1712, *John Jarvis*, by Sir *Nicholas Le Strange*, Bart.
1756, Mr. *Rash Bird*, by Sir *Henry Le Strange*, Bart.
In this church was the guild of St. *Margaret*.

SWANTON-MORLEY

WAS the lordship of *Ralph de Bellofago*, or *Beaufoe*, at the survey, but in the Confessor's time, *Godric*,[2] a freeman, was possessed of it, when there were 8 carucates of land, 24 villains, afterwards 30, and 38 borderers, at the survey 54, 6 servi, with 10 acres of meadow belonging to it; there were 4 carucates in demean, at the survey 5, 13 carucates amongst the men, at the survey 18; paunage for 500 hogs, 3 mills, a fishery, &c. also 7 socmen belonged to it with all customary duties, and 11 borderers, with 2 acres of meadow, and 2 carucates, and a freeman with 12 acres of land, and two of meadow, and half a carucate, but at the survey he held it not; *Ralph's* predecessor had only the protection of him, the soc was in *Mileham*, *Eudo*[3] held it, but *Ralph*, now, of the gift of the King; a church endowed with an acre and an half valued at 2*d*. *per ann.*; the manor was valued at 8*l*. *per ann.* afterwards at 12*l*. but *Ralph* afterwards farmed it out, or let it, at 25*l*. it was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 10*d*. gelt.[4]

By this it appears to be a large and valuable manor: the town seems to take its name, as seated near the joining of two streams or rivulets, called probably *Suan*, *Swin*, or *Swan*; thus *Swineshead* in *Lincolnshire*; *Swinburn* in *Northumberland*; *Swinbrook* in *Oxfordshire*, and *Tua* (not *Tuna*) which I interpret the two rivers, or waters, and *Morley-Swanton* from its ancient lords.

Ralph de Bellofago, or *Beaufoe*, was a near relation, if not son of *William de Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford*, chaplain and chancellor to the Conqueror, and held at the survey these following lordships, with *Swanton*;—*Newton*, and *Bircham* in *Docking* hundred;—*Ringsted* in *Smethden* hundred;—*Walton East* in *Freebridge* hundred;—*Elingham* in *Shropham* hundred;—*Lechesham,* and one in *Derham,* in *Launditch* hundred;—*Depeham* in *Fourhou* hundred, with *Morley* and *Berford* and *Crownthorp*:—*Hokeling, Tudenham,* and *East Tudenham* and *Mateshale* in *Mitford* hundred;—*Bastwick,* and *Tunestalle* in *Walessam* hundred, as then called;—*Plumstead,* and *Blofield* in *Blofield* hundred;—*Caster* in *Heinsted* hundred;—*Reydon* in *Diss* hundred;—*Wroxham, Rachey* and *Taverham* in *Taverham* hundred;—*Salle* in *Einesford* hundred;—*Buxton, Brampton, Scothow, Hobbies, Lammass,* and *Belaugh* in *South Erpingham* hundred;—*Sloley* in *Tunsted* hundred;—*Mulbarton, Carlton, Swardeston,* and *Markeshall* in *Humbleyard* hundred;—*Thrigby, Alburgh, Norton,* and *Raveningham* in *Clavering* hundred.

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[2] Probably Earl Godwin father of King Harold.

[3] This Eudo is called son of Clama, in some places of Domesday, and had the manor before Ralph.

[4] Terra R. de Bellofago — Suanetua ten. Goduin. lib. homo. T. R. E. viii car. tre sep. xxiiii vill. tc. et p' xxxviii bor. mo. Diiii tc. et p'. vi ser. x ac. p'ti. tc. iiii car. in d'nio p'. iii mo. v tc. et p'. xiii car. ho'um. mo. xviii silva D. por. sep. iii mol. et i pisc. sep. i r. tc. ii an. tc. xxxviii por. mo. XLviii tc. lx ov. mo. LXXXV huic manerio jacent vii soc. c' om'i consuetudine. et ht. xi bor. et ii ac. p'ti. sep. ii car. et i lib. ho. xii ac. tre. et ii ac. p'ti. tc. dim. car. mo. nichil de quo suus antecessor habuit T. R. E. com'datione' tantu' soca in Mulla' et Eudo ea' tenuit et Rad' tenet dono Regis. i ecc'lia i ac. et dim. val. 2d tc. et p' val. viii lib. mo. xii s. p'q habuit dedit ad firmam xxv lib. et ht. i leug. et dim. in long. et i leug. in lato, et xd de gelto.

Ralph de Beaufoe left a daughter and heiress, *Agnes,* who was married to *Hubert de Rie,* castellan of *Norwich* castle, who was son of *Hubert de Rie,* (according to *Dugdale*[5]) a trusty servant to *Will.* Duke of *Normandy,* and sent by him to King *Edward* the Confessor, when that King lay on his death bed, in a pompous equipage into *England,* and returned to his master with those tokens, whereby he was by that King declared his heir to the Crown of *England; viz.* a sword, in the hilt whereof were inclosed some relicks of Saints, an hunter's horn of gold, and the head of a mighty stag; for which service he had the promise of being steward of his household.

Ralph was his eldest son, and made castellan of *Nottingham; Hubert* was his second son, made governor of *Norwich* castle; *Adam,* the third son, had large possessions in *Kent;* and *Eudo,* a fourth son, was a great courtier, steward of the King's household, and rewarded with many lordships in several counties.

This *Agnes,* with her son *Richard,* granted the church of *Aldby* to the priory of *Norwich,* which King *Henry* I. confirmed, on the petition of *Henry de Rya,* son and heir of *Hubert,* and *Anges de Rya,* and her tithes of *Wrokesham;* witnesses, *William de Tankervile,* and *Richard Basset.*

A descendant, if not son, of the aforesaid *Henry,* was *Hubert de Rie,* who in the 12th of *Henry* II. certified that he had 35 knights fees, for which he paid 35 marks to the King, and dying without issue male in the 18th of the said King, his two daughters and coheirs were *Aliva,* who married *John Marshall,* (nephew of *William Marshall* Earl of *Pembroke*) made marshal of *Ireland* by King *John,* in his 9th year, and *Isabell,* who married Sir *Roger de Cressie,* widow of *Jeffrey de Chester,* which *Jeffrey* was probably a nephew to *Robert Fitz Roger,* a great Baron of *Northumberland,* who in the first of King *John* gave 300 marks for the younger daughter of *Hubert* aforesaid, to marry unto a nephew of his.

In the 13th of King *John, John Marshall* answered for 17 fees and a half, a moiety of the barony of *Rye,* and was lord of this town:[6] in this family it remained till *John Marshall,* son of *William,* dying in the 10th of *Edward* II. left *Hawise,* his sister and heir, married to *Robert de Morle,* 15 years of age; (*Ela,* wife of *John,* survived him, and was remarried to *Robert Fitz Payn;*) he died seized also of *Hingham,*

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[5] Baron. vol. i. p. 109.

[6] Of these Marshalls see Dugd. Baron. vol. i. p. 600.

Hokering, Buxton, &c. and had free warren, weyf, view of frank pledge, a ducking stool, assise of bread and beer in this town.

It appears from ancient deeds that there was a park in this village, called *Bywick* park, and that *Avelina le Marescal*, in her widowhood about the 40th of *Henry* III. granted the tithes of her mill of *Suanetune*, and of the eels taken at the mill and pools, to the priory of *Norwich*, at the request of *Will. Ithane de Kyrkeley*, then precentor.

Sir *Robert de Morle* was son of *William de Morle*, a parliamentary baron, and had livery, with *Hawise* his wife, of this lordship in the 10th of *Edward* II. was marshal of *Ireland* in right of his wife, and truly famous for his many gallant actions both by sea and land, being lieutenant of *Norfolk*, and admiral of the King's fleet, obtained such a notable victory near *Sluse* in *Flanders*, (as historians record it,) that the like sea fight had never before been seen, was also in the glorious battle of *Cressi* in *France*, constable of the Tower of *London*, summoned to parliament from the 11th of *Edward* II. to the 31st of *Edward* III. and died in the 34th of that King, then attending him in *France*, leaving Sir *William de Morle*, his son and heir, by *Hawise* his wife.

The last heir male of this noble family was *Robert*, son of *Thomas* Lord *Morle*,[8] and the Lady *Isabell* his wife, daughter of *Michael de la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk*, who dying in the 21st of *Henry* VI. left by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *William* Lord *Ross*, *Alianore* his daughter and heir 6 months old, who afterwards married *William Lovell*, a younger son of *William* Lord *Lovel* of *Tichmersh*, who in her right was Lord *Morley*, and inherited the estate of that family, and died seized of it *July* 23, 1475, leaving *Henry Lovel* his son and heir, Lord *Morley*, aged 11 years, and in 1487 was slain at *Dixmue* in *Flanders*, leaving no issue by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *John de la Pole* Duke of *Suffolk*, so that his estate descended to *Alice*, his only sister, wife of Sir *William Parker* of *London*, Knt. who was lord of this town, &c. and on his death she remarried to Sir *Edward Howard*, second son to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.

Henry Parker was son and heir to Sir *William*, by his lady *Alice*; he was Knt. of the Bath, and in 1529, summoned to parliament as Lord *Morley*, and by *Alice* his wife, daughter of Sir *John St. John* of *Bletsho*, by whom he had Sir *Henry* his son and heir, who married *Grace*, daughter and heir of Sir *Robert Newport* of *Pelham* in *Hertfordshire*, by whom he had *Henry* his son and heir, Lord *Morley*, who by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Edward* Earl of *Derby*, had *Edward* his son and heir, Lord *Morley*, who married *Elizabeth*, sole heir of *William Stanley* Lord *Monteagle*, fifth son to *Thomas* Earl of *Derby*, and in her right was also Lord *Monteagle*; he died *April* 1, 1618, and was buried in the church of *Stepney* in *Middlesex*, but before his death sold most of the estate descended to him, from the *Morleys*, Lord *Morley*, and this lordship, to Sir *Thomas Lovel* of *Herling*, and so to Sir *Henry Bedingfeld* of Oxburgh, and *Thomas Bedingfeld*, Esq. died seized of it in the 32d of *Elizabeth*, in which family it was in the reign of *Charles* the First.

In 1659, *Gybbon Goddard*, Esq. was lord, and charged in a mi-

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[7] Regist. Eccles Norw. 4, fol. 8.

[8] Of this family see Dugd. Bar. vol. ii. p. 26.

litia rate in that year at 65*l. per ann.* for his manor and lands; he was serjeant at law, and recorder of *Lynn;* and in 1654, it appears that *William Small,* Esq. of *Hadleigh* in *Suffolk* was lord, and by his will dated *October* 4, in the said year gave 10*l. per ann.* towards the education of poor children, and binding out boys apprentices, born in this town, and settled lands for the same, called *Eye-Park* in *Suffolk,* and in 1688, *Daniel Farington,* Esq. alderman of *London,* possessed it, and on his death his sister, Mrs. *Phill* of *London.*

About the beginning of Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, I find this lordship valued at 57*l.* 1*s.* 5*d. ob.* that is to say, *Wood-Gate Street* rent 10*l.* 4*s.* 11*d. ob.—Grene-Gate Street* 10*l.* 7*s.* 5*d. ob.—West-Gate Street* 30*l.* 0*s.* 6*d. ob.* over and besides the rent of 14*s.* 6*d. ob. q.* holden by ------------, and *Goose-Gate Street* rent 4*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.*

The site of this manor was near to the church, encompassed with a moat, but the most ancient site is said to be by the river, against *Below,* now called *Newcastle.*

HEREFORD OR HERTFORD'S MANOR.

In the reign of *Henry* III. *John de Herford* was found to hold in this township the 6th part of a fee of *Thomas de Ware,* and *Hugh Sneterton,* they of *William de Marshall,* and he of the King; and one of the same name settled by fine in the 6th of *Edward* II. on himself and *Mabel* his wife, in tail, remainder to *Mabil,* daughter of *William Pontyn* of *Walden,* and her heirs, 6 messuages, 260 acres of land, 16 of meadow, 20 of pasture, one of wood and an half, with 5 marks, and 6s. 8*d.* rent here, in *Hoo, Betele, Mateshal,* and *East Derham.*

Thomas de Harford held, in the 4th of *Henry* IV. the sixth part of a fee of the Lord *Morley,* which *John de Hoo* formerly held.

Bernard Utber was lord of it, and *Thomas Utber* his son, who lived at *Hoo* in 1666, of which see in *Hoo,* and *Gressenhale.*

It appears that the site of this hall was in the bounds of this parish, by the field book.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints,* and is a rectory anciently valued at 50 marks, the present valor is 15*l.* 11*s.* 1*d.* and pays first fruits and tenths; and *Worthing* is an hamlet belonging to this parish, having a chapel dedicated to St. *Margaret,* served by this rector: the *Peter*-pence was 12*d.*

RECTORS.

Thomas de Kenyngham occurs rector in 1306.
1333, *John Payn,* presented by Sir *Robert Morle,* Marshal of *Ireland.*
1349, *John Trayley. Ditto.*
1361, *William Pecto,* by Sir *William Morle.*
1368, *Robert de Congham,* by *ditto.*
1371, *William de Beverley. Ditto.*
1377, Mr. *John de Babingle. Ditto*
1379, *Andrew Hoker,* by *Thomas* Lord *Morle.*
1417, *Thomas Frampton. Ditto.*
William Lee, rector.

1428, *John Pelle*, by *Thos.* Lord *Morle.*

1437, *Simon Brailis*, by *Isabella*, Lady *Morle.*

1453, *William Strather. Ditto.*

1489, *Andrew Avelyn*, by *Henry* Lord *Morle*, and with the chapel of St. *Margaret* of *Worthing* annexed to it.

Edmund Pilgrim died rector 1503.

1503, *Thomas Larke*, by Sir *William Parker.*

1515, *William Lane*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, assignee of the Lady *Morley.*

1516, *Lanc. Atherton*, by Lady *Alice Morley*, widow.

1519, *Harman Tullyman*, by *Henry Parker* Lord *Morley.*

1540, *Henry Brow. Ditto.*

1550, *Thomas Morley. Ditto.*

1554, *William Gippers*, by Sir *Henry Parker*, assignee of the Lord *Morley.*

1555, *John Christopherson*, S.T.B. (he was dean of *Norwich*, and Bishop of *Chichester*) by *Henry Parker* Lord *Morley.*

1557, *Richard Cheyney*, S.T.B. by the King and Queen.[9]

1558, *Charles Parker*, by *Henry* Lord *Morley.*

1571, *Roger Matthew*, by the Queen.

1592, *Robert Neave*, by *John Graunge*, Gent. and *Joan Neave*, widow.

Robert Neave, iterum, 1592, by the Queen, *ad coroborand.*

1632, *Richard Neave*, by *John Graunge* of *Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridgeshire*, by a grant from *Edward* Lord *Morley.*

1643, *Francis Neave*,[1] by *Richard Neave*, clerk; *Richard* bought the advowson of Sir *Henry Bedingfeld*, lord of the manor.

1670, *John Goflin*, by *William Small*, Gent.

1680, *William Jegon*, by *Charles Neave.*

1711, *Charles Neave*, by the Bishop of *Norwich*, a lapse.

1744, *Thomas Ewin*, by *Thomas Day*, Gent.

In this church were the guilds of St. *Mary*, St. *Thomas*, St. *John* Baptist, St. *Anne*, *All-Saints*, and the Holy *Trinity*, St. *Mary's* Light, with that of the *Sepulchre.*

The priory of *Norwich* had a portion of tithe valued at 40s. *per ann.*

The church stands on a hill, in the middle of the town, and was building in the year 1379, as appears from the will *William* Lord *Morley*, dated 26th of *August*, in the said year, wherein he gives to the work of the church of *Swanton Morley*,[2] then begun, 10 marks, and his gilt cup,

It consists of a nave or body, with 2 isles and a chancel; covered with lead, and under the east end of that, a large charnel; and there is a tall square tower with four bells.

In the south isle on a gravestone, with a plate,

Pray for the sowlls of the Tho. Wygthman and Agnes, and Kattryn the wyfs of hym, and - - - -, the date of ower Lord God 1533. - - - - *Hic jacent Thomas Baret et Margareta, uxor ejus, quor; a'iab; p' pitiet. Deus, Amen.*

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[9] Cheyney was afterwards Bishop of Bristol and Glouc.

[1] Franc. Neave was ejected, and one Robert Dalzeel, an intruder, held it from 1653, to 1660.

[2] Regist. Haydon, Norw. fol. 160.

In the nave,

Orate p. a'ia. John. Neve, cuj. &c.—Orate p. a'ia. Robt. Rokysby cuj; a'ie p' pitiet. Deus.—Orate p' a'ia Willi Barnar, qui hic jacet tumulatus.

In a window of the chancel an effigies of a priest in a blue robe, praying, and

Orate p. a'ia Edi. Pylgryme, quo'd. rector. ist. ecclie qi. obiit xxvii die Julij, A°. Dni M. V. iii. cuj. a'ie, &c.

On a small stone on the pavement,

Hic jacet instrusor cui nomen Goslin, 1671, but now scarce eligible.

M. S. Reliquiæ Elizab. charissima uxor Fran. Neve, rect. hujus eccl. expiravit 4, *Julij A° Dni.* 1664.

A grave-stone, arms a frett,

In memory of Geo. Fleming, Gent. and his only son Roger Fleming, citizen and Merchant Taylor of London, who dyed April 9, 1713, *ætat.* 65.

Here lyeth the body of Nich. Parham, Gent. who died Janu. 2, 1712, *aged* 87,— and these arms, ——— on a chevron between three mallets, as many eagles legs erased, ——— impaling ———, a fess, *ermin* between three birds.

In memory of Rachel, wife of Nich. Parham, Gent, who died November 10, 1714, *æt.* 77.

Parham impaling *ermin* three roses.

Sacrum memoriæ Petri Parham, hujusce pagi indigenæ Coll. Caio-Gonvill, socij et amici summi, apud Norwicenses, M.D. solertis et integri, qui famâ tandem annisq; satur; relicto, omnibus præcipuè egenis grave dedesiderio, sui quo'd. mortale habuit, sub hoc marmore reposuit an°, Christianæ salutis M. DCC. XXII°. Ætat. LXXXIX.

A stone with the arms of *Jegon, argent,* two chevronels, *gules,* on a canton, *azure,* a falcon rising, *or.*

Here lyeth the body of William Jegon, A.M. sometime fellow of King's college, in Cambridge, and 30 *years rector of this parish; a man of great learning and exemplary piety; he was born May* 6, 1650, *and died Nov.* 18, 1710.
Vivitur ignoscando—Also the body of Mary his wife.

Hic jacet exemplar virtutis, gloria sexus,
Vita, animo, vultu, Sara, Susanna, Rachel.

Susanna, uxor Caroli Neve, Clerici, et hujus ecclesiæ rectoris, sepulta fuit, Feb. 16, 1672.

Also in the church,

Repositæ sunt hoc sub marmore, in spem beatæ resurrectionis exuviæ Thomæ Davy, Medicinæ Baccalaurei, qui obt. 23, *die Martij* 1692, *ætat.* 33.
Upon the lamented death of Thomas Flemminge, Gent. attourney

at law, born in Swanton-Morley Dec. 24, 1615, buried here Aug. 15, 1657.

Weep widows, orphans, all your late support,
Himself is summon'd to a higher court,
Living he pleaded yours, but with this clause,
That Christ at's death should only plead his cause.

One,

In memory of Cecily, wife of Thomas Parham, Gent. buried March 17, 1656.

And,

For Thomas Parham, Gent. born Nov. 1, 1678, *and died Aug.* 21, 1723.

Also,

For Elizabeth, wife of Peter Parham, Gent. who died April 22. 1718, *ætat.* 44.

A gravestone,

In memory of Amya, wife of John Sheldrake, the fifth daughter of Hamond Farrous of Wendling, Gent. buried Dec. 2, 1658, *ætat.* 29.

In *October* 1638, *Clement Dawbrey*, Gent. was buried in this church, and in *January* 1643, *John Wortham*, Esq.

WORTHING

Is a hamlet in the parish and lordship of *Swanton*, seated in an *Ing* or low ground, between, and near to the place where two rivers meet and unite: such a site is called by the *Germans*, *Werd*, or *Werdt*, as *Keiserwerd* and *Donawert* in *Germany*, and there is an old proverb in the neighbourhood—Worse and worse, as *Worthing-mill.*

Henry de Rie, by deed sans date, gave to the monks of *Castleacre*, the mill of *Worthing*, with *Thurstane* the miller, his mother and brothers, with all his substance, and by another deed gave them the services of *Philip*, and *Adelwald*, and confirmed to them a tenement with lands, and meadows of *Philip Belet*, for which he received 2 marks; witnesses, *Luke de Hoo*, alias priest of *Swanton*, *Hilbert* his dapifer, &c.[3]

Rehald, son of *Henry de Wdecote*, by deed sans date, released to them all the land, which he held here of *Philip Belet* for 9 marks, which they gave him.

Robert, son of *Rosceline*, agreed not to molest them in their men and tenements here and in *Goldruna*.

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[3] Regist. Castleac.

Lands here were granted *July* 1, in the 7th of *Edward* VI. to *Thomas Gresham*, late in the tenure of *Christopher Preston.*

Thomas Warner held 4 messuages, with the appertenances, of Queen *Elizabeth, in capite*, and *William Warner*, his son and heir, held, in the 15th of *Elizabeth*, 17 acres, late parcel of the possessions of *Castle-acre* priory, and 3 acres called *Le Holbred-land.*

The chapel, or church, is covered with lead, and the chancel with thatch; the steeple, which was round, is in ruins, and one bell stands in the church thus inscribed,

In eternis annis resona campana Johannis.

TITLESHALE.

Several towns in *England* begin with *tit*, as *Titherley* in *Hampshire*; *Titeherington* in *Gloucestershire*; with *Titbury*, *Tittlesley* in *Surry*; *Tittinanger* in *Hertfordshire*, &c. all which are seated near some stream, or rivulet, called probably *Tit.*

The principal manor of this town belonged to a *Norman*, a freeman in the reign of the Confessor, and *Ralph Turmit* held it under the Lord *Bainard* at the grand survey; there were 4 carucates of land, 12 villains, 4 borderers, 6 servi, and 10 acres of meadow, also 2 carucates in demean, and 4 carucates amongst the tenants, when *Norman* was lord; paunage for 100 swine, a mill, 6 animals, or cows, &c. 100 sheep, 40 goats, 4 bees-skeps, and one socman, with 6 acres valued at 70*s.* and one church endowed with 6 acres valued at 5*d.* the whole being 9 furlongs long, and half a leuca broad, and paying 5*d.* gelt.[4]

William Lord *Baynard*, grandson to *Ralph*, being in a rebellion against King *Henry* I. forfeited this lordship, &c. which was granted to *Robert*, son of *Richard Fitz Gilbert*, ancestor of the lords *Fitz Walter.*

By a fine levied in the 8th year of King *John*, it appears that this lordship was in the family of *De Capra, Chevere*, or *Cheffre.*[5] *Mariota*, widow of *Nicholas Capra*, or *Chevere*, had then her dower assigned her in this town, and *Godwick*, by *Hamon Capra*, her son; *Robert Capre* was uncle to the said *Hamon*, as is set forth in the said fine; the said *Hamo* held also three quarters of a fee in *Wydekeso*, or *Wyksho* in *Suffolk*, of *Walter Fitz Robert*, and *Michael Capre* held it, or had some interest herein in the 10th of *Richard* I.

[4] Tre. Rad. Bainardj,——Titeshala tenuit Norman lib. ho. T. R. E. mo. tenet Radulfus Turmit iiii car. tre. tc. et p' xii villi. mo. viii tc. et p' iiii bor. mo. xiiii tc. et p' vi s. mo. ii x ac. p'ti. sep. ii car. in d'nio. tc. et p' iiii car. hou'. mo. ii et silv. c. por. sep. i mol. tc. vi an. tc. xxx por. mo. xviiii tc. c. ov. mo. LXXX tc. XL cap. mo. LXXiii et iiii vasa apu' et i soc. vi ac. val. LXX sol. v mo. simil. et eccla. vi ac. et val. vd. totu' ht. ix qr. in. long. et dim. leug. in lato. et vd. de gelto.

[5] Michael de Capra was founder of the priory of Thoby in Essex, in the reign of King Stephen. William was his son by Rohesia his wife.

Of this family was *Thomas*, son of *Silvester Capra*, or *Cheffre*, who gave by deed *sans date*, to God, St. *Mary*, and the monks of *Sibeton* in *Suffolk*, a meadow in *Sycamore*, in *Balecamp*, of the fee of *Jeffrey Capre*, as *William*, son of *Jeffrey Chevere*, lord of *Wygeshoe* aforesaid, in the 6th of *Richard* I. when the prior of St. *Leonard* of *Gaines* in *Essex*, demanded a mill of him in *Wykeshoe*, which priory, or hospital of *Gaines*, or *Ginges*, was founded by *Michael de Capra* and *Rose* his wife, which family bore a goat salient, as appeas from their seal.

In the 3d of *Henry* III. *Hamo Chevere* held the fourth part of a fee of the barony of *Baynard*, of *Walter Fitz Robert*, and *Hamo Chevere* was fined 60 marks in the 22d of that King for striking the King's servant.[6]

Hamo, son of *Hamo Chevere*, in a pleading in the 34th of the said King, acknowledge that *Catharine*, widow of *Hamo*, had a right of dower in the capital messuage of the manor of *Tytishale*.

William Chevere had the grant of a weekly mercate in this town on *Wednesday*, also of free warren in this town, *Godwyk*, *Wellingham*, *Wyssingset*, and *Greinston*, on *September* 12. *A*°. 51st of *Henry* III.

Soon after this, *William de Sutton* was lord, in right (as I conceive) of *Isabell* his first wife, daughter and heir of *William de Chevere*, who was living in the 13th of *Edward* I. and *Benedict de Wade*, and *Robert de Sutton*, as trustees, conveyed to the said *William* and *Margery*, his second wife, and the heirs of *William*, on the body of *Margery*, and for want of such issue, to the right heirs of *William*, in the 24th of the said King, 16 messuages, a mill, 6 carucates of land, 8 acres of meadow, 16 of pasture, 30 of wood, and one hundred shillings rent *per ann.* in this town, *Godwick*, *Wyssenset*, &c. also 2 messuages, 100 acres of land, 4 of meadow, 8 of pasture, 10 of wood, and 40*s.* rent in *Great Fordham* in *Essex*; she was daughter and heir of Sir *Richard Battail* of *Wyvenho* in *Essex*, and *Catherine* his wife, daughter and heir of Sir *Andrew le Blund* of *Tendering* in *Suffolk*.

Sir *John Sutton* was his son and heir, who married *Margery*, daughter and coheir of Sir *John de Whelnetham* in *Suffolk*, who first married Sir *John de Brokesbourn*; secondly, *John de Cockfield*, Esq. and thirdly Sir *John Sutton*, who in her right presented to the church of *Rockland Tofts* in *Norfolk*, in 1358, called Sir *John Sutton* of *Wivenho* in *Essex*, to which Sir *John de Brokesburne* had presented in 1341.

Sir *John de Sutton* died before the 8th of *Richard* II. when it appears that *Margery* his widow was living, and left Sir *John Sutton* his son and heir, who married *Alice*, relict of Sir *Andrew de Bures*, daughter and heir of Sir *John de Royden* of *Overbury-Hall* in *Leyham*, in *Suffolk*. Also (in an old writing that I have seen) he married a daughter of Sir *Mich. Poynings* on the death of *Alice*, who was living in the 49th year of *Edward* III. Sir *John Sutton* died in the 17th of *Richard* II. and left a daughter and heir, *Margery*, who was married to *John Walton*, Esq. whose heiress general, *Joan Walton*, was married to Sir *John Howard*, ancestors of the Dukes of *Norfolk*.

On the death of this Sir *John*, Sir *Richard de Sutton* was found to be his brother and heir, aged 60 *A*°. 17 of *Richard* II. on *Friday* after the feast of the Virgin *Mary*, then last past, seized of a moiety of *Old-Hall* manor in *Bergholt*, and *Melding* manor.

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[6] Rot. Pip.

Sir *John de Sutton* (son of *William* abovementioned) of *Wyvenho*, had the hundred of *Angre* in *Essex* granted to him in the 13th of *Edward* III. by Sir *John de Riparijs*, (*Rivers*,) son of Sir *John*; and in the 17th of that King, Sir *John de Sutton* and *Margaret* his wife had lands in *Bradfield*, *Essex*, granted to them and their heirs male, and entailed by *Rob.* son of Sir *Jn. de Brokesburn*; and in the said year *Griffin de Sutton*, parson of *Tendering* in *Essex*, confirmed to this Sir *John* and *Richard de Sutton* his son, and his heirs, the third part of the manor of *Okeley Parva* in *Essex*, which *Alice*, daughter of Sir *John Fittol*, held of him for life, remainder to *John de Sutton*, and his heirs; dated at *Elmsted* in the said county, on *Monday* next after the feast of the purification.

Margery, wife of Sir *John de Sutton*, sen. abovementioned, was buried in the church of *Wivenho*, with this epitaph,

Margery de Sutton, gist icy,
Dieu de sa alme eiyt mercy,
- - - - - - - - *S' alme priera*
XL Jours de pardon avera.

In the 36th of *Edward* III. Sir *John de Sutton* (son of Sir *John de Sutton*) and *Alice* his wife sell to Sir *Richard Sutton*, (his brother,) Sir *William Baud*, &c. *Overbury-Hall* manor and chapel in *Reydon*, in *Suffolk*, which descended to *Alice* after the death of *Hawysia de Wykham*, widow of Sir *John de Reydon*, mother of *Alice*.

In the 39th of the said King, *William Wingfeld*, &c. released to *John de Rokewood*, and *Alice*, wife of Sir *John de Sutton*, all their right in the manor of *Merks* in *Reydon*, lately granted them by Sir *John de Sutton*, jun. and in the said year *Simon Sudbury* Bishop of *London* granted to all who would pray for the soul of Sir *John de Whelnetham*, Knt. deceased, and say the Lord's Prayer, and the angelick salutation, whose body was buried in the church of *Whelnetham Magna* in *Suffolk*, and for the souls of the Lady *Alice*, late his wife, of Sir *John de Brokesbourn*, Knt. *John de Cockfeld*, Esq. *James de Sutton*, and the Lady *Maud de Sutton* deceased, whose bodies lie in the chapel of the blessed Virgin, in the conventual church of *Wykes* Nunnery, in *Essex*, should have 40 days of pardon, dated at *Claketon*, 16th of the Kalends of *September*.

In the 43d of *Edward* III. Sir *John Sutton*, sen. and Sir *John Sutton*, jun. were both living, and in the 46th of the said King, *Margery*, widow of Sir *John de Sutton*, sen. daughter and coheir of Sir *John de Whelnetham*, and *John de Bures*, son and heir of *Mary*, formerly wife of *Michael de Bures*, and sister of *Margery*, made partition of the manor of *Whelnetham Magna*, and the advowson, with *Amicia Schalers*, widow of Sir *Thomas de Schalers*, another sister and coheir, as I take it.

Sir *Richard de Sutton* married *Alianore*, and left an only daughter and heir, *Joan*, who married first Sir *Robert de Bures*, son and heir of *Andrew de Bures*, and on his death, remarried *Richard de Waldgrave*; by Sir *Robert* she left a daughter and heir, *Alice*, who married Sir *Guy de Bryan*, son and heir of Sir *Guy de Bryan*, (as it is said,) but rather of Sir *Edmund de Bryan*, &c.

In the church of *Acton* in *Suffolk*, of which the *Bures* were lords, lie buried *Andrew de Bures* aforesaid, who died *April* 12, 1360, and bore *ermin* on a chief indented *sable*, 2 lions rampant, *argent;* and Sir *Robert de Bures* his son, who died *October* 7, 1361.

Also a gravestone with the arms of *Bryan*, (impaling *Bures*,) or, three piles in point *azure*, with a label of three:

> " *Under this stone lyeth buried Alys de Bryan, daughter and heir of*
> " *Robert de Bures, Kt. and wife to Sir Edmund de Bryan, the younger,*
> " *knight.*"

In the said church were also the arms of *Royden*, checque, *argent*, and *gules*, a cross *azure*, and that of *Poynings*, barry of six, *or* and *vert*, a bend over all, *gules*, on grave-stones.

Sir *William de Sutton* bore, as appears from his seal, *or*, a chevron, *gules*, on a chief *azure*, three mullets pierced, of the first, which said arms was also born by Sir *Hamon Sutton*, whose daughter and heir *Joan* was married to Sir *John Peyton* of *Isleham* in *Cambridgeshire*.

I have been the more particular in the history of this family, as Sir *Richard de Sutton* abovementioned was the last heir male of the eldest branch of it, though it does not appear that he had any interest in this manor, which came to the *Waltons* by the marriage of *Margery*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Sutton*, (elder brother of Sir *Richard*,) to *John Walton*, Esq.

Joan, daughter and heir of Sir *Richard Walton*, (though as some records say, sister and heir, brought it by marriage to Sir *John Howard*, (*alias John Howard*, Esq.) son and heir of Sir *John Howard*, by *Margaret* his first wife, daughter and heir of Sir *John Plaiz*, who dying before his father in 1404, the said *Joan* remarried Sir *Thomas Erpingham*, and left at her death in 1424, *Elizabeth*, a daughter and heir, by *Howard*, who in 1428, was married to *John Vere* Earl of *Oxford*, and she being his widow, held it in the first of *Edward* IV. and on the death of *John Vere* Earl of *Oxford* in 1526, without issue, it came to his three sisters and coheirs; *Elizabeth*, married to *Anthony Wingfeld; Dorothy*, to *John Nevill* Lord *Latimer*, and *Ursula* to Sir *Edward Knightly*, which *Ursula* having no issue, this lordship was held by the *Wingfelds* and Lord *Latimer*.

Sir *Robert Wingfeld* had livery of a moiety of it in the 1st of *Elizabeth*, in which reign the other moiety was held by the Lord *Latimer*, who dying in 1577, his moiety came to his four daughters and coheirs; *Catherine*, married to *Henry Percy* Earl of *Northumberland; Dorothy*, to *Thomas Cecil* Earl of *Exeter; Lucy*, to Sir *William Cornwaleis*, and *Elizabeth* to Sir *John Danvers*.

In the 29th of *Elizabeth*, *Edward Coke*, Esq. was lord, and in his family it still remains, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Leicester* died lord in 1759.

In the 3d of *Henry* III. *Ralph de Rothinge* held also in this town, and *Wellingham* half a fee of the Lord *Fitz Walter*, of the barony of *Baynard*, and *William de Rothing* claimed a right in the weekly mercate on *Wednesday*, and in the fair which was on the vigil, the day, and day after St. *Margaret*, as appears from a pleading in the 14th of *Edward* I.

EARL WARREN'S FEE.

In King *Edward's* time 5 freemen held one carucate of land, which *Wimer* (lord of *Gressenhale*) held at the survey under the Earl *Warren*: there belonged to it 7 borderers with 6 acres of meadow, 3 carucates and an half of land, paunage for 40 swine, and a fishery valued at 40*s.* but at the survey at 30*s.* this was by an exchange of lands at *Lewis* in *Sussex*; and the soc was in the King's manor of *Mileham.*

The family of *De Virley* held this under *Wimerus,* probably; and *Philip de Virley* was found, in the 3d of *Henry* III. to hold half a fee of *Richard Foliot,* a descendant of *Wimerus,* and *Foliot* of the Earl *Warren.*

Robert de Verli was lord and patron of the church in the 12th of that King, and *Rob. de Verley* claimed the assise of his tenants in the 3d of *Edward* I. Sir *Philip de Verley* granted in the 31st of the said King, to Sir *Richard de Ely,* rector of *Tittleshale,* and *William de Patesle* this manor, with the wards, heriots, &c. and the advowson of the church; witnesses, *John Fitz-Gilbert, John Lestrange, Peter Bozun, John de Illington, John de Bittering, Thomas de Sutton, Hamon de Caley,* &c.

This was in trust, for in the following year they reconveyed it to Sir *Philip* and *Julian* his wife.

This Sir *Philip* writes himself in some of his deeds, *de Totleshunt,* a town in *Essex,* where he seems to have had his residence; and in a deed, dated *ao.* 6 *Edward* II. grants to *Robert,* son of *John Prick,* of *Fresingfield* in *Suffolk,* the advowson of this church, with an half acre of land.

In the said year, Sir *Philip* and *Julian* his wife, settled this lordship (excepting the advowson and the half acre of land aforesaid, which I presume was the churchyard) on *Ralph de Bagthorp* and *Isabel* his wife, and the heirs of *Isabel,* in tail, who was one of his daughters and coheirs, as it seems.

By another deed afterwards, he revokes his prior deed of the advowson, and grants it to *Symon Prick* his grandson, which *Symon* in the 7th of *Edward* III. conveyed it to *Robert,* son of *Henry Bole* of *Euston,* and *Bole* to Sir *John de Norwood,* parson of *Ikelingham,* and *William* his nephew, *Robert Prick* releasing and levying a fine thereof, in the 8th of the said King, and *William* also releasing; Sir *John* conveyed it to *Roger de Wortham,* parson of *Tittleshale,* and *Peter Leche,* rector, of the 3d part of *Wellingham,* by deed, dated in the 16th of *Edward* III.

After this, *Peter* releasing to *Roger,* he conveyed it to Sir *Roger de Caston,* parson of *Regnham, William de Witchingham, John de Berney, Adam de Sheringham,* and *Henry Berney,* who, in the 34th of the said King, had the license of *Thomas* Bishop of *Norwich,* and Sir *Hugh de Hastings,* Knt. chief lord of the fee, in pursuance of the statute of mortmain, to grant it to the prior and convent of *Walsingham,* with the license also of the Duke of *Lancaster.*

It seems that *John de Norwode* aforesaid, had King *Edward's* license to settle it on the master and scholars of St. *Michael's-house* in *Cambridge,* which being cancelled, the King, in his 33d year, granted license to convey it to the prior, &c. which was accordingly done in his 40th year, *Robert Kemp* being the attorney of Sir *Roger de Caston*, *William de Witchingham*, *John de Berney*, &c. to deliver seisin, and *Roger de Worthing*, the prior's attorney, to take it.

The advowson was thus separated from the manor, which appears to be in the *Bagthorps*, in the 20th of *Edward* III.

Isabel de Bagthorp was found to hold it by half a fee of Sir *Hugh de Hastings*, and he of the Earl *Warren*.

COXFORD PRIORY MANOR.

In the 9th year of King *John*, *Hamo*, the capellane, or chaplain, granted by fine, to *Herebert*, prior of *Rudham*, (that is to *Coxford* priory, being in *Rudham* parish,) 48 acres in *Titleshale*.

William de Rothing gave lands to it in the 17th of *Edward* I.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. the prior of *Coxford* held half a fee of Sir *Edward Hastings*, lord of *Gressenhale*, and he of the King, as part of the dutchy of *Lancaster*; and in 1428, their temporalities were valued in this town, at *3l.* *6s.* *10d.* *ob.*

In the 7th of *Henry* VIII. the prior had 60 acres of pasture lying in *Pike-Hall* pasture, and *New-Hall* pasture, with common and shack thereto belonging, all demised to *Henry Farmer*, Gent. of *East Barsham*.

At the Dissolution it was granted to *Tho.* Duke of *Norfolk*, by the King, on *May* 9, *ao.* 29 *Henry* VIII.

On the 14th of *July*, in the 9th of *Elizabeth*, *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, demised to *Humph. Bedingfeld* of *Quidenham*, Esq. for 1000 years this lordship, with messuages, lands, &c. in *Mileham*, *Wyssingset*, *Wellingham*, and *Litcham*, part of the possessions of this priory; *Bedingfeld* sold it to *William Yelverton*, senior, Esq. about the 30th of the said Queen.

On the 22d of *September*, *ao.* 17th of *Elizabeth*, concealed lands in this town, *Wyssingset*, *East Barsham*, *Tattersete*, and *Barmere*, with tenements held by *Robert Bozoun*, belonging to this priory, were granted to *John Herbert* and *Andrew Palmer*.

NEW-HALL.

Edmund le Blund, and *Elizabeth* his wife, granted by fine, in the 36th of *Edward* III. to *Robert Potter* of *Stratton*, and *Claricia* his wife, the 4th part of the manor of *Newhall*.

John Bocking, in right of *Cecilia* his wife, daughter and coheir of *William de Nerburgh*, died seized of it in the 17th of *Edward* IV.

In the 35th of *Henry* VIII. *Richard Bocking* was found to hold the manor of *Newhalle* in *Titleshale*, of *Catherine Hastings*, widow, of the honour of *Gressenhale*, and of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

John Heydon, Esq. son and heir of *George Heydon*, Esq. and *Catherine* his wife, kept his first court on *July* 20, in the 5th of *Edward* VI. which *Catherine* was daughter and heir of *Richard Bocking*.

CALEY'S AND GREYNSTON'S MANOR.

Simon de Greinston and *Hamon Thornkyn,* held one fee in this town, of *Richard de Spalding,* in the 3d of *Henry* III. and *Richard* (as is said) of the Earl of *Gloucester.*

In the 35th of *Henry* III. *Reiner de Counte* had free warren and a mercate, at *Greinston,* by which it appears that there was then a town or hamlet also of that name.

Peter de Caley and *Margaret* his wife, conveyed by fine lands here, to *Richard,* son of *Ralph de Weseham,* in the 52d of that King; and in the following year, the said *Peter,* &c. grant *Hamo le Moyne,* and *Margery* his wife, in tail, 40 acres of land, 3 of wood, and 8*s.* rent.

In the 15th of *Edward* I. *John de Greynston* claimed free warren in this lordship. In the 21st of the said King, *Nicholas de Trowes,* and *Joan* his wife, conveyed by fine to *Hamon de Redenhale,* and *Camilla* his wife, the 3d part of 15 messuages, a mill, 6 acres of meadow, 24 of pasture, 30 of wood, and 6*l.* rent in *Titleshale, Greynston, Godwick, Wyssingset,* and *Pattesley,* settled on *Camilla.*

In the 35th of that King, *Roger de Greynston* settled by fine, on *John de Greynston* of *Titleshale,* lands here.

Robert de Greynston and *Ralph Caley* held, in 20th of *Edward* III. one fee of the heirs of *Gregory de Spalding,* and he of the Earl of *Gloucester,* and the Earl of the King, which *Simon de Greynston* and *Hamon Thornkyn* formerly held; and *Ralph Boteler* held it in the 3d of *Henry* IV.

William Wayte of *Titleshale* seems to have some interest herein, and confirmed in the 5th of *Henry* V. to *William Sterling,* of this town, *Walter Sterling* of *Bradenham,* and *Thomas Sterling* of *Tudenham,* land butting on *Greynston-Hall;* and about the same time, *Robert de Greynston* and *Ralph Caly* are said to hold one fee of the heirs of *Gregory de Spalding,* and he of the Earl of *Gloucester.*

In the 16th of *Henry* VI. *Walter Dorward,* citizen of *London* and mercer, with *Joan* his wife, *John Aggys,* of *Norwich,* notary, and *Thomas Stathe,* chaplain, grant by deed, dated *January* 15, 36th *Henry* VI. to *William Bozoun* of *Wyssingset,* Esq. *Gregory Gybon,* Esq. and *Thomas Daniel* of *Walsoken,* the manor of *Greynston* and *Caley's,* with 40 acres of land called *Yarleshaaugh* in *Titleshale,* which they had with *Nicholas Derman,* clerk, from *John Botiler,* Gent. of *Norwich,* and *Alice* his wife, by deed, dated *May* 6, in the 29th of that King.

By another deed of the same date, it appears that *John Gerrard,* citizen of *Norwich* and *Margaret* his wife, had an interest therein.

In the 14th of *Edward* IV. I find here a street, called *Greynston street.*

By the escheat rolls, in the 12th of *Henry* VII. *William Wayte* was found to die seized of the manor of *Caley's,* alias *Greynston's;* and in the following year, the manor of *Greynston* was found to be held by *William Wayte,* of the heirs of *Jeffrey Spalding,* by fealty, and the service of 2*d. per ann.*

William Wayte of *Titleshale,* Gent. son and heir of *William,* released to Sir *Henry Farmour,* Knt. *William Farmour* his son, and *William*

Yelverton, jun. Esq. all his right in 77 acres of land, late his father's, whereof 25 lay in *New-hall* pasture, and 43 in *Eastfield* in this town, by deed, dated *February* 21, *ao.* 25 *Henry* VIII.

Sir *William Farmour*, Knt. of *East-Barsham*, sold to *Henry Wayte* of *Titleshale*, Gent. and *Robert Davy* of *Stanfield*, yeoman, 100 acres of land in the fieldcourse or sheep pasture of *Titleshale* or *Mileham*, belonging to the Earl of *Arundel's* manor of *Mileham*, with the liberty of two fold-courses thereto belonging, in the 7th of *Edward* VI.

In the 30th of *Elizabeth*, *Henry Wayte*, Gent. was lord, and had a *præcipe* to deliver to *Thomas Scarlet*, Gent. and *Anthony Cocket*, Gent. the manors of *Greynston* and *Caleys*, with messuages in this village, *Mileham*, *Lytcham*, *Godwicke*, *Stanfield* and *Wissingset*.

In the 37th of *Elizabeth*, *Edward Coke*, Esq. was lord of *Greynston* and *Caleys*, and so being united to the capital manor, was possessed by the Earl of *Leicester* at his death, in 1759.

PEAK-HALL.

This was part of the Earl of *Richmond's* manor of *Horningtoft*, as I take it, and extended here.

Sir *Robert*, son of Sir *Peter de Tye*, Knt. was lord of this manor of *Titleshale*, and *Lanwader* in *Weston*, in *Einford* hundred, in the 49th of *Edward* III. and then enfeoffed Sir *William de Kirdeston*, Sir *John de Mauteby*, Sir *Tho. de Bradwell*, knights, herein, who granted to Sir *Robert* a lease of the same for 10 years, at 10 marks *per ann.* and died in or about the 6th of *Richard* II. in which year he made his will.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *John Tye* held half a fee here; but in the 6th of *Henry* VI. *John Berney*, *John Lynford*, and *William Graner*, by deed, dated *April* 10, enfeoffed Sir *John Fastolf*, Knt. Sir *Henry Inglose*, Knt. *William Paston* of Paston, *John Fastolf* of *Yarmouth*, Esq. and *John Kyrtling*, clerk, in the manor of *Peak-hall*, in *Titleshale*, *Godwick*, *Wyssingset*, *Pattesley*, *Reynham*, and *Wellingham*, formerly Sir *Robert Tye's*, Knt.

Sir *John Fastolf*, Knt. by his deed, dated *April* 20, in the same year granted an annuity of 20 marks *per ann.* for ever, to *Berney*, *Lynford*, and *Graner*, on condition that as long as the said Sir *John* and his heirs, after feoffment made by *Richard Bozoun* of *Wyssingset*, of his manor of *Castre-Bozouns*, in *Castre*, should enjoy the said manor of *Castre*, and not be ejected, it should cease, but if they shall be ejected out of the said manor, then the annuity to be levied.

In the 14th of *Henry* VI. the jury, on the death of *John Beaufort* Duke of *Bedford*, and lord of the honour, or Earl of *Richmond*, present that *Richard Bozoun* of *Wyssingset*, Esq. held in this town and *Wyssingset*, &c. a knight's fee of the said honour.

In the said year *Richard Bozoun*, and *Richard Barret* of *Hecham*, enfeoffed, *June* 18, Sir *John Curson*, Knt. *John Champneys*, parson of *Welbourn*, and *John Rycheman*, clerk, and their heirs, herein, which they had of the feoffment of Sir *John Fastolf*, Sir *Henry Inglose*, &c.

Richard Bozoun is said, by the escheat rolls, in the 35th of that King, to die seized of it; so that it is plain he had still some portion or interest in it.

In the 2d of *Edward* IV. *April* 24, Sir *John Curson* confirmed to *Thomas Grey*, Esq. of the body to that King, *Walter Gorges, John Twyre, William Yelverton*, Esq. *Thomas Danyel* of *Walsoken, Thomas Gryce, Gregory Guybon*, &c. this manor, with its villains, &c.

By an indenture, bearing date *July* 22, in the 26th of *Henry* VIII. between Sir *William Paston* on one part, and *John Bozun*, Esq. son and heir of *John Bozun*, Esq. late of *Wyssingset*, cousin and heir of *Richard Bozun*, of the other part, the said *John* sells to Sir *William* and his heirs, all his right in the manor of *Peak Hall*, and the manor of *Bozun's* in *Castre*.

The tenths were 5*l.* 4*s.* Deducted 1*l.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Mary*. The ancient valor was 10 marks.——*Simon* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed in 1265, to the priory of *Castleacre*, two parts of the tithes of the demeans of *Robert de Verly*, and a pension of 46*s.* 8*d.* was paid for the same annually, by the rector. *Peter*-pence, 10*d.* The present valor is 9*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.*

In 1300, *Henry le Parser* held it by sequestration.

RECTORS.

1302, *Simon le Parker*, rector, presented by Sir *Philip de Verli.*

1303, Mr. *Richard de Ely*, by *ditto.*

1328, Mr. *Richard de Ely*, by *Robert Prykke.*

1332, *Robert Prikke* of *Fressingfeld*, by *Ralph*, rector of *Thornton Pilcock*, and *Richard*, rector of *Euston.*

1340, *Roger de Wartham*, by *John de Norwode*, rector of *Iklingham All-Saints*, called also *Roger Peche.*

1350, *Roger de Wortham*, by *Richard Rokely, Simon*, late rector of *Babingle, Richard*, rector of *Oxwyk*, and *Roger Stalion.*

1360, *Jeffrey de Denham*, by *Roger de Caston, William Wychingham, John Beruey, Adam de Sheringham*, and *Henry de Berney.*

1394, *John de Hertford*, canon of *Walsingham*, by the prior and convent of *Walsingham.*

1400, *Richard Goode. Ditto.*

James Cole, rector.

1420, *James Cole*, junior. *Ditto.*

1463, *Clement Argent. Ditto.*

1464, *Richard Orme. Ditto.*

1482, *Edmund Geffreys. Ditto.*

Henry Manser occurs rector in 1543, died in 1558.

In the 3d of *Philip* and *Mary*, the advowson of this church, on *December* 22, (lately in the priory of *Walsingham*) was granted to *Edmund Beaupre*, Esq.

George Leeds, rector, buried in 1573,

William Herrin, rector, buried *May* 29, 1609.

1609, *Robert Gould*, rector.

1612, *Samuel Leeds* compounded for his first fruits, *May* 23, presented by Sir *Edward Coke.*

John Franklyn, rector, buried, 1678.

1679, *Nathaniel Ducket*, rector.

1721, *Luke Budworth*, by *Thomas Coke*, Esq.

1739, *Thomas Groom*, on the death of *Thomas Donne*, by the Lord *Lovell.*

1742, *William Hoste*, (the present rector,) on the death of *Groom*, by *ditto.*

The chancel and church are covered with lead, being a single pile with a square tower and 4 bells, and a dormitory on the north side, for the family of the *Cokes.*

A gravestone in the chancel for

Abigail, wife of Thomas Halet of Godwick, daughter of Christopher Bedingfield, Esq; and Lucy his wife, late of Wighton, who died October 16, 1727, *aged* 52.

In the chancel against the north wall is a marble monument raised altarwise, with the arms of *Coke*, per pale, *azure* and *gules*, three eaglets displayed, *argent* impaling quarterly, *ermin* and *azure*, a cross, *or, Osborn.*

Here lyeth the body of Robert Coke of Holkham, Esq; son of Richard Coke and Mary, daughter of Sir John Rous of Hanham-Hall in the county of Suffolk, bart. great grandchild of Sir Edward Coke, sometime lord chief justice of the King's Bench, by Henry his 5th son. This Robert married the Right Honourable the lady Anne, daughter of Thomas, earl of Danby lord high treasurer of England, by the Lady Bridget his wife, daughter of Montague, earl of Lindsey, lord great chamberlain of England, by whom he had issue Elizabeth, a daughter, who died in her infancy, as also Edward, his only son now living: he departed this life the 16 *of January,* 167$\frac{8}{9}$, *in the* 29 *year of his age, which said Lady Ann has caused this monument to be erected as a mark of her entire love and affection to the memory of her dear husband.*

Against the said north wall is a curious monument of marble, and in an alcove the effigies of a woman on her knees before a desk; under her 6 sons and 2 daughters, on their knees.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou surmountest them all.

Bridget. daughter and one of the heirs of John Paston, Esq. first wife of Edward Coke, Esq attorney general, had issue by him, Edward, Robert, Arthur, John, Henry, Clement, Anne and Bridget: she deceased the 27 *of June, Ao. Dni.* 1598.

On the summit it is decorated with a great shield, viz. *Coke* quartering in the 2d quarter, *argent*, a chevron, *azure*, between three chaplets, *gules, Crispin;* in the 3d, *sable*, a chevron, *argent*, between three covered cups, *or, Folkard;* in the 4th quarter, *gules*, a griffin segreant, and crusily of cross crosslets, fitchè, *or, Pawe;* impaling *Paston, argent*, five de lis, *azure*, 3, 2, and 1, a chief indented, *or* with his quarterings, viz. first, *Peche, argent*, a fess, between two chevronels, *gules;* 2d, *Leach, ermin*, on a chief indented, *gules*, three ducal coronets, *or;* 3d, *Somerton, or*, on a chief between three lions heads erased, *gules* 5 bezants; 4th, *argent*, on a chevron, *gules*, three de lis of the first, *Peper;* 6th, *Walcot, azure*, an escotheon and orle, of martlets, *or;* 7th, *Berry, argent*, a chevron, between three bears heads couped, *sable*, muzzled, *or*, 8th, *Craven*, argent, a fess between six cross crosslets, fitchèe, *gules;* 9th, *gules*, a saltire ingrailed, *argent, Kerdeston,* 10th, *Wachesham, argent,* a fess, and in chief, three crescents, *gules,* 11th, *ermin,* on a chief, *gules,* five lozenges, *ermin, Charles;* 12th, *Hetherset, azure,* a leopard guardant, *or,* spotted, *ermin;* 13th, *Tatsall,* checque, *or* and *gules,* a chief, *ermin;* 14th, *Hengrave, argent,* a chief indented, *gules;* 15th, *Baynard, sable,* a fess, between two chevronels, *or;* 16th, *azure* a cross, *or, Mauteby;* and in the 17th, *azure,* a cross, flurt, *or,* over all, a bend, *gules.*

On the dexter side of this shield stands a shield with the arms of *Coke,* and on the sinister side the arms of *Paston.*

At the east end of the said north wall is a beautiful and sumptuous altar monument, on which lies the effigies of Sir *Edward Coke,* in white marble, as a judge in his robes, under an arch supported by 2 black marble pillars; on the summit is this shield, *Coke* quartering first, *Crispin,* 2d, *Felmingham,* 3d, *azure,* a cross between twelve billets, *or, Sparham;* 4th, *gules,* a lion rampant, *ermin, Narford;* 5th, *Brecknock,* or *Yarmouth, argent,* a chevron, between three lions gambs erect, *sable;*—6th, *Knightlye,* quarterly, in the first and 4th, *ermine,* in 2d and 3d, paly of 6, *or* and *gules,* in a bordure, *azure,* and in the 7th *Pawe;* also the figures of the 4 cardinal virtues, Prudence Justice, Patience and Fortitude. Motto, *Prudens qui patiens.*

Deo Optimo, Maximo.

Hæ exuviæ humanæ expectant resurrectionem piorum, hic situs est non perituri nominis Edvardus Coke, eques auratus, legum anima interpres oraculum non dubium, promicondus mysteriorum, cujus fere unius beneficio jurispiriti nostri sunt jurispiriti. Eloquentiæ flumen, torrens fulmen suadæ sacerdos unicus. Divinis heros, pro rostris ita dixit, ut liberis insudasse crederes, non nisi humanis; ita vixit, ut non nisi divinis. Sacerrimus intimæ pietatis indigator. Integritas ipsa, veræ semper causæ constantissimus assertor, nec favore, nec muneribus violandus. Eximie misericors. Charior erat huic reus quam sibi (miraculi instar est) siccoculus sæpe audijt sententiam in se prolatam nunquam hic nisi madidoculus protulit.—Scientiæ oceanus, quiq; dum vixit bibliotheca viva, mortuus dici meruit bibliothecæ parens. Duodecim liberorum, tredecim librorum pater. Facessant hic monumenta, facessant marmora (nisi quod pios fuisse denotarint posteros) Ipse sibi suum est monumentum marmore perennius, ipse sibi sua est æternitas.

"DEDICATED to the memory of Sir *Edward Coke,* knight a late reverend judge, born at *Mileham* in this county of *Norfolk,* excellent in all learning, divine and humane, that for his own, this for his country's good, especially in the knowledge and practice of the municipal laws of this kingdom. A famous pleader, a sound counsellour; in his younger years recorder of the cities of *Norwich* and *London,* next solicitor general to Queen *Elizabeth,* and speaker of the parliament in the 35 year of her reign, afterwards attourney general to the same queen, as also to her successor King *James;* to both a faithful servant for their majesties safetyes. By King *James* constituted chief justice of both benches successively, in both a just, in both an exemplary judge. One of his majesty's most honourable privy council as also of council to Queen *Anne,* and chief justice in *Eyre* of her forests,chaces, and parks. Recorder of the city of *Coventry,* and high steward of the university of *Cambridge,* whereof he was sometime a member in *Trinity College:* he had 2 wives; by *Bridget* his first wife, (one of the daughters and coheirs of *John Paston*, Esq ;) he had issue 6 sons, and 3 daughters, and by the Lady *Elizabeth* his second wife, (one of the daughters of the Right Honourable *Thomas*, earl of *Exeter*,) he had issue 2 daughters, a chast husband and a provident father."

Between this inscription and the remaining part of the epitaph, are three shields of arms, *Coke* impaling a quartered shield, in the first, *Crispin* ; 2d, is obscure ; in the 3d, *Folkard* ; in the 4th, *sable*, a chevron, guttee de sang between three cinquefoils, *ermin*, *Woodhouse*, and in the 5th, *Knightley*.

He crowned his pious life with a pious and Christian departure, at *Stoke Poges* in the county of *Bucks*, on *Wednesday* the 3d day of *September*, *Ao. Dni.* 1634, and of his age 83. His last words, " Thy " kingdom come, thy will be done."

Learn reader to live so, that thou may so die.

Mr. *John Hargrave*, a famous statuary, is said to have made this elegant statue of Sir *Edward*, and Mr. *Nicholas Stone*, master mason, to have erected the monument with its embellishments, which cost 400*l*.

A gravestone by the communion table,

In memory of Nathaniel Ducket, rector of this parish 41 *years, who died October* 28, 1721, *aged* 73 ; and of *Lydia Ducket, widow, who died June* 21, 1683, *aged* 68.

On a mural monument by the pulpit, is the shield of *Coke*, with his quarterings ; first, *Crispin* ; 2d, *Knightley* ; 3d, *azure*, a bull's head, cabosed, *or* ; 4th, 5 covered cups in saltire ; 5th, *Pawe* ; 6th, *argent*, on a saltire, *sable*, five swans of the first, *Burgh* ; 7th, *argent*, a lion rampant in a bordure ingrailed, *sable* ;

Winefrede, daughter of William Knightley, Esq. by Robert Coke, Esq. her first husband, had issue, Edward, Winefrede, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Anne, Ursula, Margaret and Andrew ; and by her second husband, Robert Bosanne, Esq. had issue, John, and was buried January 16, *in the* 11*th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, Ao. Dni.* 1569.

WELLINGHAM

Is wrote *Walnesham* in the grand survey, being a *ham* with a *Wet Ing*, or Mound, against the water, as *Walpole*, *Walton*, &c. and was at that time the lordship of *Ralph* Lord *Baynard*, and owned by *Harold* in King *Edward's* time, who was afterwards King of *England* : 2 carucates of land then belonged to it, 9 villains, 3 borderers, 14 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, &c. 2 amongst the men or tenants, paunage for 60 swine ; 7 socmen held 20 acres of land, &c.

and 3 socmen of *Stigand* then belonged to it, who held of the King's manor of *Mileham*, and paid there all customary dues.

It was delivered up in *Stigand's* life to the Lord *Baynard*, by an exchange, as their men relate, who had a carucate and 40 acres of land.

The manor was valued in King *Edward's* reign at 20*s*. and 10 at the survey, and the soccage part then at 4*s*. at the survey at 40*d*.

The whole was one leuca long, 9 furlongs broad, and paid 10*d*. gelt, whoever was lord of it.[7]

BAYNARD'S FEE. FREVILL'S MANOR.

It appears by a pleading in the fourth of King *John*, that *Michael Capra* had granted by fine, in the 10th of *Richard* I. 2 carucates of land in this village, to *William de Huntingfeld*, and *Isabel* his wife, and the heirs of *Isabel*, to be held of *Michael*, of *Baynard* castle in *London*.

The family of *De Capra*, *Cheffre* or *Chevere*, as they are wrote, were lords of part of this town, and of *Titleshale*, where a further account may be seen of them.

In the 3d of *Henry* III. *Baldwin de Frevile* held the fourth part of a fee of *Walter Fitz-Robert;* and at the same time *Thomas Coble* and his parceners held lands in soccage.

It is to our purpose to observe here, that *William* Lord *Baynard*, grandson to the aforesaid *Ralph*, taking part with *Helias* Earl of *Mayne*, *Philip de Braose*, *William Malet*, and other conspirators against King *Henry* I. forfeited his barony of *Baynard*, the head whereof was *Baynard's* castle, by the *Thames* side, to the south of St. *Paul's* cathedral, and which gives name to one of the wards of that city, which, on this forfeiture, was granted by that King, to *Robert*, a younger son of *Richard Fitz-Gilbert*, progenitor to the ancient Earls of *Clare*, from which *Robert*, the noble family of *Fitz-Walter*, barons of the realm, did descend.

In the 14th of *Edward* I. *Baldwin de Frevill* impleaded *Ralph le Clerk* to render an account of the stewardship which he held of him in this town, *Wesenham* and *Lucham*.

In the following year the jury find the said *Baldwin* to have free warren in his demean lands: he died lord in the 17th of the said King; and *Alexander*, as appears from the eschaet rolls, was his brother and heir.

This *Alexander* married *Joan*, daughter of *Ralph de Crombwell*, by *Margery* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Philip Marmion* of *Scrivelby* in *Lincolnshire*.

An agreement was made in the 6th of *Edward* II. between Sir *Alexander Frevill*, and *Clementia L'Estrange*, late wife of *John L'Estrange;*

[7] T're. Rad. Bainardi——Walnecham tenet Radulfus qd. tenuit Herold. T. R. E. p. man. ii car. t're. sep. x vill. tc iii bor. p. et mo. ii xiiii ac. p'ti. tc. i car. in d'nio. et posset restaurari sep. ii car. hou'm silva. lx por. et. vii soc. xx ac. t're. tc. et p. dim. car. mo. nichil. et iii soc. Stigandi q'i. tc. jacebat in Muleham Reg. com'i consuetudine. Sed vivente Stigando, libatu' e Bainardo p. escangio ut dic't sui ho'es et ht. xl ac. t're. tc. et p. i car. mo. nulla maneriu' val. T. R. E. xx sol. et mo. x et in soc. val. T. R. E. iiii sol. mo. xld. totu' ht. i leug. in long. viiii quar. in lato, et x denar. de gelto. q'ic'q. ibi t'ra habeat.

the said *Alexander* having let to her this lordship, and that of *Wesenham*, for life; she covenants to keep all buildings in repair, and after 6 years to pay 40*l.* rent *per ann.* and if dying before the six years, her heirs to hold it under the same covenants, and for an income she paid 40 marks.

In the 17th of *Edward* III. *Baldwin de Frevil* held one fee, and *Baldwin* his son, was his heir; and the said *Baldwin* the son, was lord in the 20th of that King, and held it of the Lord *Fitz-Walter*.

The *Frevills* bore *or*, a cross flurt, *gules*.

Soon after this it came to the family of *De Bello Prato*, or *Beaupre*, and *Thomas*, son of *Richard Beaupre*,[8] presented to the rectory of the *Tertia Pars* of this church, in 1349.

This *Richard* was also a person of eminency in the county of *Cornwall* in this reign, and *Thomas* aforesaid, his son, appears to be a knight, in the year 1632, whose son, *Nicholas*, succeeded him, and held it of the Earl of *Rutland* in the 3d of *Henry* IV.

In the *Beaupres* it remained till the death of *Edmund Beaupre*, Esq. in 1567, the last heir male of that family.[9]

After this, it came to Sir *Robert Bell*, lord chief baron of the Exchequer, who was lord of this manor, in right of *Dorothy* his wife, one of the daughter's and coheirs of *Edmund Beaupre* aforesaid; and *Edmund Bell*, son and heir of Sir *Robert*, had livery of it about the 20th of *Elizabeth*.

Sir *Edward Coke* was lord in the reign of *James* I. *John Coke*, Esq. in 1659, and the Earl of *Leicester* was the late lord.

SOUTHALL

Was that part of this town which belonged to the Conqueror's manor of *Mileham*, held by the socmen of *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, on whose deposition it was granted by the King to *Alan*, son of *Flaald*, together with the capital manor of *Mileham*, soon after the survey; for at that time it appears to be in the Conqueror's hands, and farmed of him by *William de Noiers*.[1]

Alan was ancestor to the noble family of the *Fitz-Alans* Earls of *Arundel*, and granted this, with the hundreds of *Launditch* and *South Greenhow*, and other lordships, to *Seward*, ancestor of a family who assumed the name of *L'Estrange*.

William, son of *Alan*, granted or rather confirmed by deed *sans date*, to *Durand*, son of *Ralph*, son of *Seward*, the land of *Wellingham*, *Bittering*, and *Sutton*, for the payment of 8*s. per ann.*; witnesses, *Robert*, abbot of *Salop*, *John Hamo*, and *Guy Extraneus*, (*L'Estrange*,) and in the 6th of *Edward* I. *John* son of *Ralph L'Estrange* of *Lucham*, conveyed to *John*, son of *John L'Estrange* of *Lucham*, a messuage with lands, and a mill in this town, and lands in *Wesenham*, with the advowson of 2 parts of the church of *Wellingham*.

In the 33d of the said King, *John L'Estrange* of *Lucham*, and *Clementia* his wife held jointly by the feofment of *John L'Estrange* his father, a messuage and lands here of the heirs of *Richard Fitz Alan* Earl of *Arundel,* by the service of 10*s. per ann.* and *Ralph* was his brother and heir; and in the said year *John de Stoneham,* and *Roger de Neketon,* conveyed by fine to *John L'Estrange,* and *Clementia*[2] his wife, 44 messuages, 73 acres, of land, 12 of meadow, 45*s.* rent, and the rent of 6 quarters of barley, with 3 of oats, in this town, *Wesenham,* and *Fransham,* with the advowson of the church of *Wellingham.*

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[8] See in Rymer's Fœd. vol. iv. p. 96, 98.

[9] Of the Beaupres and the Bells, see in Upwell and Outwell.

[1] See in Mileham and Launditch hundred.

In the 4th year of King *Edward* II. *Ralph Le Strange* granted by fine to *John* son of *Gilbert,* and his heirs, this manor and advowson, &c. which *Clementia,* widow of *John Le Strange* held for life, *John* granting to *Ralph* an annuity of 8*l.* with a clause of distress on the goods and chattels of the said *John,* in the towns of *Lenne, South Lenne,* and *Welle*; this *John,* son of *Gilbert,* was father of *Richard,* who was the first of his family who took the name of *Beaupre* from his lordship of *Outwell,* seated on rich meadow-lands and pastures; *Thomas de Beaupre* was son of *Richard,* and lord of both manors, *viz.* of *Frevill's* and *Southall* in this town, and a rent out of this manor is paid to the manor of *Mileham.*

Tenths 2*l.*—Deduct 6*s.* 8*d.*

The Church of *Wellingham* is dedicated to St. *Andrew,* to which there belonged two rectories; one called the portion of *John,* who was rector in the reign of *Henry* III. valued at 7 marks *per ann.* this consisted of two parts of the tithes of the parish; the other called the portion of *Roger,* valued at 4 marks, which had the third part of tithes; the prior of St. *Faith's* at *Horsham* had a portion also of tithes valued at 6*s.* 3*d. per ann.*—The *Peter*-pence was 10*d.*

The rectory of the two parts seems to be in the *Arundel's* fee, and the third part in the fee of *Baynard*; and in the reign of King *John Roger de Frevill* impleaded *Michael Capra,* to show cause why he brough a *Quare Impedit* against him, and hindred him in presenting a proper person to the rectory of the third part of this church.

The present valor is 5*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* and is discharged.

RECTORS.

1304, *William de Holm,* rector of two parts, presented by *John Le Strange,* and *Clementia* his wife.

1311, *John de Derham* to the two parts, by *ditto.*

1311, *John de Frense,* to the third part, by *ditto.*

1315, *Phil. he Wymondhale* to two parts, by *ditto.*

Peter Leche occurs rector of the third part in 1345.

1347, *John de Outwell,* to the third part, by *Thomas,* son of *Robert de Welingham,*

1349, *Thomas Garel* to the third part, by *Thomas,* son of *Richard Beaupre.*

1349, *Simon de Lexham,* to two parts, by *ditto.*

1375, *Simon Gurgwant,* by *John de Beston.*

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[2] Clementia, daughter and heir of Sir William Borough, Knt.

1391, *John Woderow*, by *Thomas Clogg*, capellan.[3]
1401, *William Hovel*, by *Nicholas Beaupre*, &c.
1426, *Geff. Daniell*, by *Thomas Beaupre.*
1456, *Thomas Wrestlingworth. Ditto.*
1465, *Roger Chuller. Ditto.*
1465, *Thomas Shelbrook. Ditto.*
1467, *Robert Hypgame. Ditto.*
Nathaniel Ducket, rector, died 1722, and
Luke Budworth succeeded, presented by *Thomas Coke*. Esq.
1755, *Thomas George*, on the death of *Henry Roberts*, by the Earl of *Leicester.*

The church has three bells.

WESENHAM.

THE principal manor of this town was held under *Stigand*, the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, in his own right, as a lay fee, by twelve socmen, in King *Edward's* reign, who held 2 carucates of land, and 4 borderers; there were 4 carucates in the whole, 2 of which were demean land, and one acre of meadow: 3 carucates amongst the men, &c. valued at 40*s.* in King *Edward's* time, but at 60*s.* at the survey, which was on account of an exchange of land lately made; the whole was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 20*d.* gelt, whosoever was lord. *Wimer* was lord then, under the Earl *Warren.*[4]

EAST-HALL.

Of this *Wimerus*, who was dapifer to the said Earl, and enfeoffed by him in many lordships, a full account is given in *Gressenhale;* from *Wimer's* family and descendants it came to the *Stutevills*, then to the *Foliots* and *Hastings;* but on the death of *John Hastings*, Esq. of *Gressenhale*, (son of Sir *Hugh Hastings*,) his two sisters were his heirs; *Anne*, married to *William Browne*, Esq. second son of Sir *Anthony Brown*, master of the horse to King *Henry* VIII. &c. and *Elizabeth*, married to *Hamon L'Estrange*, Esq. of *Hunstanton;* and on a division of the *Hastings*' inheritance, this lordship was assigned to *Anne*, the eldest sister and coheir, as in *Gressenhall.*

Anthony Brown was lord in 1572.

A descendant from the said *William*, was *Thomas Brown*, Esq.

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[3] About this time the two rectories seem to be united.

[4] Tre Willi de Warenna.——In Wesenham tenuer'. xii soc. Stigandi T. R. E. ii car tre. mo. vi soc. plus. semp. iiii bord. tc. iiii car. int. totu' q'ru' due st. in dominio et i. ac. p'ti. semp. iii car hominu'. modo. vi an. et viii porc. et LX ov. et ii runc. tc. val. XL sol. modo LX; hoc est de esca'gio de nova terra; totu' ht. i l'g. in longo, et dim. in lato, et xxd. de gelto q'cuq;' ibi teneat. Wimerus tenet.

who kept his first court with the lete on *Tuesday* next after the feast of St. *Michael* in 1631.

From the *Browns* it came to *Richard Jackson,* Esq. the present lord, in 1757.

CASTLEACRE PRIORY MANOR.

This was made up of several benefactions to the said priory. In a charter of *Will.* the second Earl *Warren, sans date,* but about the year 1100, it appears that *Wimer Dapifer,* before mentioned, had given all the land which his nephew *Jeffrey,* the *capellane,* held of him, 2*s.* rent in land here, and 2*s.* in *Gressinghale,* to that priory.

Roger, son of *William,* dapifer, sewer or seneschal to the Earl *Warren,* gave lands, with the homages of certain persons for the soul of his father.

Drogo, son of *William,* dapifer, gave or confirmed the two churches of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul* of *Wesenham,* with the tithe of his demean, 14*s.* rent *per ann.* in land, and the tithe of *Herbald* his man.

Beringer de Cressi gave for his own soul and that of his wife, and that of his predecessors, who before him held land at *Gaersighnehavill* (*Gressenhale*) one mark rent here, and *Ysabel* his wife confirmed it; witnesses *Hugh de Cressi, Robert de Mortimer, Richard de Besvill, Ralph de Bellomont,* &c.

Ysabella de Gressingehale[5] quitclaimed to them the homage and tenement of *Hugh de Crec* in *Wesenham;* this *Isabel* was daughter and heir of *William de Gressenhale,* who was grandson to *William,* son of *Roger,* son of *Wimer,* which *William* assumed the name of *De Gressenhale;* she married first *Beringer de Cressi;* then *William de Huntingfield,* by whom (as I take) she had no issue, and after, *Osmund de Stutevil;* this *Osmund,* in his confirmation of the grants of the family of *Wimer,* &c. in or about the year 1220, excepts the advowsons of the churches of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul,* which had been granted to this priory, and in a deed *sans date,* with the assent and advice (as it is expressed) of *Ysabel* his wife, he confirms the donations of *Wimer* (herein called *senescalli,* senescal, or steward) *de Gressenhale,* of *Roger,* son of *Wimer,* and of *Walter,* son of *Wimer,* and of *William,* son of *Roger,* of *Roger* son of *William,* of *Drogo* his brother, of *Beringer de Cressi,* and whatever his men belonging to the honour of *Gressenhale* had granted to these monks, and gave himself, *William,* son of *Alan de Wesenham,* with all his family *(tota sequela)* and appertenances, and his tenement, also *Harvey Salle,* another villain, with his tenement, *cum totâ sequelâ.*

Ralph Fitz Stephen de Upgate, in *Wesenham-Torp, (Thorp,)* gave a messuage, a croft, with land and rent here, and *Richard,* son of *William de Weseham,* quitclaimed his right of foldage, for 14*s.* paid him, and for 6*d. per ann.*

Reiner, son of *William de Acra,* gave 6*d.* rent, which *Richard Clerk* of *Wesenham* held of him.

Durand L'Estrange, with the advice and consent of his heirs, and *Prudence* his wife, gave 5*s.* in *Wesenham Torp.*

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[5] She was at this time the wife of William de Huntingfeld, and this grant was with the consent of him.

Robert de Salle, with the assent of *Roisia* his wife, gave lands.

Roger de St. Denys quitclaimed for 20*s.* 7 acres of land here.

And in the 15th of *Edward* I. the prior, as lord, claimed the assise of bread and beer of his tenants, view of frank pledge, &c.

On the dissolution it came to the *Southwells,* as I take it; and then to the lord chief justice *Coke,* in whose family it still remains, the late Earl of *Leicester* dying lord in 1759.

Sir *Richard Southwell,* on *May 5, A°.* 37 of *Henry* VIII. had a grant of it, with the manors of *Wendling, Swanton Nowers, Kerdeston, Brancastre* manor and advowson, and a portion of tithe in *Burnham Depedale,* in exchange for *Haynford, Upton* manor.

At the survey we find another lordship in this town belonging to the Conqueror, and farmed of him, or kept by *Godric,* consisting of a carucate of land and an acre of meadow held by four freemen, and 2 borderers belonged to it, with 2 carucates, in King *Edward's* time; but the soc belonged to *Stigand's* manor of *Mileham,* which was at the survey farmed, or kept by *William de Noiers,* as steward to the King, who was lord of *Mileham,* and this was valued in *Sporle.*[6]

NORTH HALL.

In the third year of *Henry* III. *Thomas de Wesenham* held half a fee of the honour of *Mileham,* which belonged to *John L'Estrange,* who held it of the *Fitz Alans,* Barons of *Clun,* and they *in capite,* of the King.

In the 10th of that King, *Roger,* son of *Alan de Wesenham,* conveyed the fourth part of a fee in *Wesenham,* and *Wesenham Thorp,* to *Alan de Wesenham,* to be held of the said *Roger;* and *Gilbert de Wesenham,* in the 26th of the said reign, paid half a mark fine for not accompanying the King into *Gascoin.*

Thomas Fitz Alan of *Wesenham* was lord in the 3d of *Edward* I. and claimed the assise of bread and beer, &c. of his tenants, and *Robert Wesenham* was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II.

In the 1st of *Edward* III. *John de Bokenham,* parson of *Intwood,* conveyed by fine to *Roger de Wesenham* and *Cecilia* his wife, the manor of *Northall* in *Wesenham,* and the rent of a moiety of a quarter of salt in *Tirington,* settled on them in tail; and in the 20th of that King the heirs of *Roger* were found to hold the fourth part of a fee of *John de Harsick,* and he of the Earl of *Arundel,* which *Thomas de Wesenham* formerly held.

Of this family, and probably lord of this manor, was Sir *John de Wesenham,* Knt. who in the 23d of the said, King, being then the King's butler, *(Pincerna Regis,)* had a grant or license to take 12*d.* of every hogshead, and 2*s.* of every pipe of wine imported into *England* by merchant-strangers, who being also a rich merchant of *London* had about this time the King's crown in pawn; and in the 34th of the said reign was with Sir *Robert de Causton,* in commission to seize all ships from the mouth of the *Thames* northward, to the King's use,[7] and to provide them with men at arms, archers, &c. to resist the

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[6] Terra Regis qua' Godric'. servat ——Wheenham iiii lib. ho'es i car. tre. et i ac. p'ti. sep. ii bor. et ii car. Stigand' soca' T. R. E. mo. W. de Noiers in Melesham; hoc e' in p'tio de Esparlea.

[7] Rymer's Fœd. vol. vi. p. 167.

French, then threatening an invasion; and in the 2d year of *Richard* II. *John de Wesenham* and *Petronilla* his wife, conveyed by fine this lordship to *John de Leverington.*

Soon after this, it came to the *Beaupres,* and *Nicholas Beaupre,* Esq. was, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. found to hold the fourth part of a fee of the Earl of *Arundel.*

In the 24th of *Henry* VIII. *Nicholas Beaupre,* Esq. of *Outwell,* was lord of *Northall* manor in this town, and *Edmund* his son, conveyed it by fine, in the 36th of that King, to *Nicholas Rookwood,* Esq. and not long after we find it in the family of the *Southwells;* and in the year 1560, Sir *Richard Southwell* was lord of *Northall* manor, and paid a rent of 27*s.* to the lord of *East-Hall,* due from that of *Northall.*

In the 40th of *Elizabeth* it was possessed by *Edward Coke,* Esq. afterwards lord chief justice, lord also of *Northall-Kyptons, Wesenham-Kypton, Wesenham-Castleacre, Fulchers, Molls,* and *Gamages,* and *John Coke* was lord in 1659, in which family it remained, the right honourable the Earl of *Leicester* being the late lord

I have seen an old writing wherein it is said that *Edric* held, in the time of the Confessor, 80 acres of land in this town, with a church of 18 acres valued at 18*d.* and *Edric* had added to it two socmen; that afterwards *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk,* and the King had the soc, and it was valued at 5*s.* but at the survey *Ralph* had forfeited his right, and *Godric* held it of *Alan* Earl of *Richmond.*

In a valuable copy of the Book of *Domesday,* for this county, which I have consulted under the titles of the King's land, and that of *Godric,* held for the King, also that of *Alan* Earl of *Richmond,* I have not met with the account as above represented: that there was land in this town belonging to the Earl of *Richmond* I shall show, but then it belonged to the lordship of *Horningtoft,* which extended into *Wesenham.*

Horningtoft was at the survey a very considerable lordship, and farmed of, or kept by *Godric,* for the King, and was not granted to the Earl of *Richmond* till after the survey, as appears from the state of that town in the Book of *Domesday,* and for a proof of this I refer the reader to my History of *Horningtoft.*

By a fine levied in the 3d of *Henry* III. *Peter de Nereford* granted to *John de Nereford,* a carucate of land here, and *Thomas Buhord* was querent, and *Simon de Rudham* and *Emme* his wife, deforciants, in a fine levied in the 15th of the said King at *Westminster,* before *Thomas de Muleton, William de Raleigh, Robert de Lexington, William de London,* Mr. *Robert de Shardelow, Ralph de Norwich, William de Ebro,* and *Richard Reing,* justices, of certain customs and services for lands in *Wesenham-Thorp, Thomas* requiring *Simon* to pay 8*s.* *per ann.* and foreign service, with 8*d.* at the feast of St. *Botolph,* to the custody of *Richmond* castle, and that they should make a feast at *Christmas,* and carry his arms at the charge of the said *Thomas,* as often as the King was with his army, also by this fine, *Simon* and his wife released to *Thomas* 5 acres of land here.

Roger de la Ware impleaded several persons in the 10th of *Edward* I. for lands in *Hey-Wesenham, Rugham Magna* and *Parva,* and *Fransham,* as his right, whereof his ancestors were seized in the time of King *John,* and before this, in the 3d of the said reign, when a *Quo Warranto* was issued out, the lord of this manor claimed assise, &c.

Nicholas de Castello, or *Castell*, and *Cecilia* his wife, purchased in the 19th of *Edward* I. of *Thomas Burt* of *Horningtoft*, several lands, with a mill, on the death of Sir *William de la Ware* and *Arabella* his wife: see in *Horningtoft*, and in *Kypton*.

The temporalities of *Castleacre* priory in 1428, were 2*l*. 3*s*. 9*d*. *ob*.; of *Westacre* 8*s*. 9*d*.; of *Massingham* priory 5*s*.

Concealed lands in *Wesenham Thorp* belonging to the rectory, granted by the abbot of *Wendling* to *John Corbet*, paying 3*s*. 4*d*. *per ann.* were given by Queen *Elizabeth*, *February* 9, in her 12th year, to *Nicholas Mynn*.

William, the third Earl *Warren*, &c. confirmed to the monks of *Castleacre* the advowson of the churches of *Wesenham Thorp*, *All-Saints*, and St. *Peter's*, with the appertenances, and the tithe of the demean of *Wimer*, the dapifer;[8] and *Eborard* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed the same.

Also *Drogo*, son of *William* the sewer of *Gressenhale*, confirmed the gift of his father of the said two churches; but after this, their right of presentation seems to be contested, and by a fine levied in the 40th of *Henry* III. *John*, the prior, and convent of *Castleacre*, conveyed to *William de Stutevile*, lord of this town, the advowson of the said two churches, with that of *East Lexham*, and *Stutevile* granted back to the prior the church of St. *Andrew* of *East Lexham*, with the yearly rent of a mark. to be paid by *Richard de Bavent* and his heirs, out of lands held of *Stutevile* in *Ansing*, (*Elsing*,) and *Tudenham*, reserving also to the prior the old pension out of the said churches of *Wesenham*, before *Henry de Bath*, Mr. *Simon de Wanton*, *Robert de Shotindon*, and *John de Cokefeld*, the King's justices. And in the following year the said two churches were granted by fine, to the abbey of *Wendling*, by the said *William de Stutevile*, and were after appropriated to the said abbey, and vicarages were established.

By the consent of the Bishop of *Norwich*, a composition was made in 1320, by which the prior of *Castleacre* let to perpetual farm to the abbot and convent of *Wendling* two parts of the tithes of the garbs (or corn tithe) of the demeans which formerly belonged to *William de Stutevile*, and *Alan Fitz Roger*, and *Jeffrey* his son, and of *John Lambert*, in the fields of *Wesenham*, for 4*l*. sterling *per ann. viz.* to the prior 40*s*. to the sacrist 40*s*. payable on the feast of St. *John* Baptist, dated on *Saturday* next after the feast of St. *Scolastica* the Virgin.[9]

The ancient valor the rector of the church of *All-Saints* was 18 marks, and St. *Peter's* 20 marks: and they paid 20*d*. *Peter*-pence; the present valor of these two vicarages united is 15*l*. 9*s*. 11*d*.

RECTORS.

Roger de Hunting feld occurs rector in the time of *John* of *Oxford*, Bishop of *Norwich*, about 1190, of *All-Saints* and St. *Peter's*.

Master *Lambert* was instituted parson of St. *Peter's* with the chapel of St. *Paul* annexed, also of the church of St. *Andrew* of *East Lexham*, presented by *Hugh*, the prior, and the convent of *Castleacre*, about the year 1195.

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[8] Reg. Castleac. fol. 111.

[9] Reg. Castleac. fol. 133.

Adam de Walsingham was rector of St. *Peter's* in the 12th of *Henry* III. when a fine was levied between him and *Roger,* son of *Matthew,* who granted 4 acres of land, and 3 in this town, to his church; and in the said year *Matthew,* son of *Pagan de Wesenham* conveyed by fine to *Adam* aforesaid, 6 acres, *Adam* paying 10*d. per ann.*

VICARS.

John vicar, *sans date.*

William, vicar, *sans date.*

1309, *John de Tutington* was collated by the Bishop of *Norwich* to the vicarages of *All-Saints, Wesenham,* and St. *Peter's* of *Wesenham Thorp,* with the chapel of St. *Paul* annexed.

1322, *William de Oxwick* was collated to the same.

1349, *Thomas de Whatton* collated to them: it appears that the abbot, &c. of *Wendling,* presented, at the Bishop's nomination.

John de Hardingham, vicar.

1365, *Andrew de Colney* collated, &c. to both vicarages, with the chapel.

1371, *John Harcourt.*

In the 50th year of *Edward* III. the vicar had a patent to enlarge his manse.

1379, *Thomas,* son of *John Hugh de Helaghton,* collated by the Bishop.

1384, *William Wardeboys,* by the King, the temporalities of the see of *Norwich* being in the King's hands.

1385, *Thomas Saunders,* by the King.

1393, *John Sergeaunt,* by the Bishop.

1396, *Edmund Fysher,* by the Bishop.

1406, *William Barton. Ditto.*

In 1427, *Robert George* resigned to *Nicholas Essex.*

The Bishop of *Norwich* nominated to these vicarages till the Dissolution, after that the Crown had the patronage.

Miles Gill, occurs vicar in 1556.

Robert King in 1589.

John Baker in 1648.

Mr. *Wilson* in 1720.

1729, *John Franklyn,* the present vicar, by the King.

At the south-east end of the nave, or body of the church, was the stone stair-case leading up to the old rood loft; over the door or entrance I saw some years past an old painted board with the portraiture of King *Henry* VI. painted thereon, in his robes, with the arms of *France* and *England,* quarterly, and

REX HENRICVS SEXTVS.

with an antelope at his feet.

On the screen under the rood loft, which has been well painted and ornamented, with the figures of Saints,

Orate. p a'iab; - - - - - - - - - D'nj vicarij Thomas Fusant, Martini Skyppon, Joh. Davy, et Ric. Hovel, et Thomas Scorth, qui istam - - - - - - fieri fecerunt.

In north window a saint with a bell, probably St. *Anthony*, and on a label,

P. sonitum hujus campanæ hostes tui confugiunt; and in a south window,

Orate p. a'iab; Rogeri Wylkyn, et Joh. - - - - - - - -, et p. o'ib; tenentur; in another window,

> *I count and cast to gadyr goodys fast,*
> *I spare for truth, to farewell, or I past.*

In a north window of the chancel, *argent*, two bars, azure, a bend over all, *gules*, *Grey* of *Rotherfield*.

This church of *All-Saints*, called *South Wesenham* church, has a nave, north isle, and chancel, and a square tower.

The church of St. *Peter's* has a nave, north and south isle, with a chancel, covered with lead.

WISSINGSET.

So called as set or seated in a wet watery meadow, and was granted by the Conqueror to *Roger Bigot*, one of his chieftains, ancestor to the *Bigots*, Earls of *Norfolk*, and held of him by *Ralph*, son of *Walter*, with 3 carucates of land for a lordship; which nine freemen were owners of in King *Edward's* reign, when 8 villains belonged to it, 6 borderers, 4 servi, with 15 acres of meadow, and 4 carucates; two of which were demean lands, and 2 were held by the tenants; paunage for 100 swine, the fourth part of a fishery, 2 beasts for burden, 12 cows, 40 sheep, 36 goats, and 7 bees skeps, valued then at 40*s*. at the survey at 60*s*. three of these freemen belonged to the soc of the King's manor of *Mileham*; the whole was half a leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 10*d*. gelt, whoever was possessed of it.[1]

Sir *Henry Spelman*, in his Icenia, says that *Hubert Bozun*, a *Norman*, who came into *England* with the Conqueror, and was his chief *fletcher*, had a grant from him of this lordship, for his services, but this appears to be a mistake.

The first of the family that we meet with in ancient records, is *Herbert* or *Hubert Buzun*, who lived in the reign of King *Stephen*, &c. and granted by deed *sans date*, to the monks of *Castleacre*, 8 acres of land, with the assent of his son *Roger*;[2] which *Hubert* probably descended from *Ralph*, son of *Walter*, who was enfeoffed herein by *Roger Bigot*.

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[1] Terra Rogeri Bigoti—Witcingheseta ten. Ranulf filio. Galf. iii car. tre. p. man. quas tenuer. ix lib. hoes. tc. et p'. viii vil. mo. v tc. et p. vi bord. mo. x tc. iiii ser. xv ac. pti. tc. iiii car. inter tot. quar. due modo i in d'nio. et due. hom. silv'. de c. porc. quarta pars piscin. semp. ii runc. mo. xii an. tc. ix por. mo. xxv. tc. XL ov. mo. LXvii mo. xxxvi. cap' vii vasa apu'. tc. val. XL sol. modo LX de iiib; libi. hoib; e' soca in Muleham Regis. totu'. ht. dim. l'gs in longo et dim. in lato. et xd. de gelto q'iq; ibi' teneant.

[2] Reg. Castleac. fol. 50.

Boujon in *French* signifies an arrow, with a great or broad, head, and for some eminency and excellency in the use of such a weapon, the ancestor of this ancient family might assume this name, or hold some lordship or fee by it, and on that account they might bear, as we find, for their arms, *argent*, three boujons, *gules*, feathered, and knobbed *or*, headed, *or*.

In the Red Book of the Exchequer, under the title of *Serjeanteria*, in *Drakelowe*, *Derbyshire*, *William de Gresley* held a manor

P. unum arcum sine corda, et pharetro, et duodecim sagittas, et unum bozonem.

Roger Bozun was living in 1202, son of *Hubert*, and purchased lands in *Ovington*, in *Norfolk*, by fine.

In 1227, *Robert de Saham* granted to *Peter Buzun*, son of *Roger*, the advowson of the church of *Ovington*, which *Peter*, in or about 1233, was with *William Rustain*, a collector of the aid, in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, granted to King *Henry* III. for marrying his sister to the Emperor.

In the 41st of *Henry* III. *John Buzun* was presented as holding a knight's fee, and to be of full age, and not a knight: and in the 48th of that King, had a grant of a free warren in all his demean lands here and in *Ovington*.

After this time, or about 1270, an agreement was made between *Peter Buzun*, lord of *Wyssingset*, and Sir *Thomas Burt*, lord of *Horningtoft*, about the extent of their commons; the arbitrators on Sir *Thomas's* part were *John*, son of *William de Rucham*, *John Atteford de Hoe*, and *Henry de Brisley*, and on *Peter's* part were *James de Munesle de Langham*, *Robert de Thornekyn de Mileham*, and *William Godfrey* of *Fransham*.

Alexander, son of *Adam Buzun* of *Wyssingset*, granted by deed *sans date*, to *Peter Buzun*, son of Sir *John Buzun* of *Wyssingset*, and *Alice*, and their heirs, for 20 marks, a messuage, and lands here, with common of pasture, where the freemen of the town had right of common: witnesses, Sir *Robert de Caston*, Sir *Hervey de Vallibus*, (or *Vaux*,) Sir *Hamon de Pattesle*, &c.

This *Peter*, then a knight, died (as I take it) about the 16th of *Edward* I. and was then found to hold three knights fees of Sir *John de Vaux*, and he of *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*.

Peter (son of Sir *Peter*) *Buzun* was lord in the 19th of *Edward* I. and in 1308, he and *Sarah* his wife held the lordship of *Yelverton* in *Norfolk*; and of this family were the *Buzuns* of *Devonshire*, who held in the reign of *Henry* III. certain knights fees of the honour of *Totness*, and Sir *Alexander Buzun*, in the time of *Edward* I. and *Alexander Buzun*, who in the 17th of *Edward* III. conveyed the manor of *Rokesden* in *Bedfordshire*, to *Robert de Chelneston* in trust, and sealed with three bird bolts, and after settled the said manor on *John* his son, by *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Robert Mordaunt*, his wife in tail.

Peter Buzun, then a knight, was lord here in the 14th of *Edward* II. and presented to this church, and died before the 11th of *Edward* III. when *Sarah* is styled his widow, and was succeeded by *Jn.* his son, who on the inquisitions taken in the 20th of the said King, held 2 fees and a half, and one quarter of a fee of the Lord *Ross*, (who married one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *John de Vaux*,) and he of the Earl-Marshal, and the Earl of the King; and in 1358, he presented to this rectory: soon after this he seems to have died, leaving *William* his son and heir, who in the 45th of *Edward* III. granted to *John* his son, and *Joan* his wife, daughter of *Rich. Spynk*, late citizen of *Norwich*, this manor, with the advowson of this church to them and their heirs, saving to the said *William* 10 marks, by deed dated on *Monday* after the feast of St. *Bartholomew*; witnesses, Sir *Oliver Calthorp*, Knt. *Jeffrey de Fransham*, *Robert Scoggan*, *Edmund de Norton*, *Edmund de Bintre*, *Adam de Billingford*, &c.

This *John* was likely that *John Buzun*, who in the 33d of the aforesaid King, was in the retinue of *John de Montague*, and about travelling into foreign parts, had the King's letters of protection, and in 1380 presented to this church.

William Bozun was his son and heir, lord of this town, and of *Greinston's* in *Titleshale*; he was living in the 10th of *Richard* II. and *Maud* his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir *Richard de Belhouse*, *John*, his son, and *Margaret* his daughter.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *John Bozun*, Esq. was lord, and in the 11th of that King, held it of the Lord *Ross*, and he of the Lord *Mowbray*.

Richard Bozun, Esq. was lord in the 5th of *Henry* V. probably brother of the aforesaid *John*; he married *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *Richard Chape* or *Chapys*, Esq. who bore *gules*, a fess undee, between six billets, *argent*: by his will dated *January* 4, 1450, and proved *March* 5, following, he bequeaths his body to be buried in the chancel of this church;[3] *Margaret* his wife survived him, (and married *John Pecock* of *Norwich*,) by whom he had *William* his son and heir, who married *Alice*, daughter of *Stephen Guybon*, of *North Lynn*, and in the 36th of *Henry* VI. *Thomas Danyel*, Esq. of *Walsoken*, son of *Laurence Danyel*, *Gregory Guybon*, *Robert Fyncham*, and *Thomas Curson*, Esq. released to *James Gresham* their right in this lordship and advowson, which they had of the feoffment of *William Bozon*, Esq. now living, dated on *Friday* before *Christmas*; his will is dated *Octber* 12, 1460, and desires to buried in the churchyard of *Wyssyngset*; gives legacies to *John* his son, *Alice* his wife, (who afterwards married *William Rokewood*, Esq.) to Sir *Thomas* his brother, a monk, and *Constance* his sister, a nun;[4] also to his wife this manor and advowson for life, and that of *Ovington*, after the decease of his mother *Margaret*, to his son *John*.

This *John* married *Elianore*, daughter of Sir *Edward Woodhouse*, of *Kymberley*, relict of *Edmund Hastings*, Esq. and was living in 1493, but in the 22d of *Henry* VII. was remarried to *Tohmas Cressener*, *John* dying in 1489.

He was succeeded by *John Bozoun*, Esq. his son and heir, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of —— *Rouncey*, of *Britainy* in *France*; and by an indenture made *July* 22, in the 20th of *Henry* VIII. *John Bozoun*, Esq. son and heir of *John Bozoun*, Esq. late of *Wissingset* deceased, cousin and heir of *Richard Bozoun*, sell to Sir *William Paston* the manor of *Bozouns* in *Castre*, and *John Bozoun*, Esq. presented in 1555.

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[3] Reg. Aleyn, Norw. fol. 68.

[4] Reg. Brosyerd, fol. 234.

He left *Robert* his son and heir,[5] who presented in 1567, and in 1577, and married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Humphrey Kervile*, Esq. of *Wygenhale* St. *Mary's*, in *Norfolk*, by whom he had *Roger* his son and heir, who married *Anne*, daughter of Sir *Hamon L'Estrange*, of *Hunstanton* in *Norfolk*; and in the 6th year of *James* I. in consideration of a marriage between *Hamon* his son and heir, and *Frances*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Playters*, of *Soterley* in *Suffolk*, settles this manor and advowson on his son and heirs, in reversion, after the decease of himself and *Anne* his wife.

Hamon Bozoun, Esq. had by *Frances* his wife, 3 sons, *Thomas*, *Roger*, *William*, and several daughters, as appears from the will of *Roger* his father, dated *Jan.* 25, 1623; *Eliz.* married to *Christ. Crowe*, Esq. of *East Bilney*; *Anne*, to *Bartholomew Johnson*, of *Bittering*; *Catherine* to *William Harman* of *Stanhow*; *Susan*, to *Thomas Goodrick*, Gent. of *North-Creake*; and *Frances* to *Edmund Brigs of Bradfield*.

Thomas Bozoun, Esq.[6] son and heir of *Hamon*, sold, in 1657, to *Catherine Calthorpe*, widow, and 2d wife of *James Calthorp*, Esq. of *East Barsham*, this manor: she was daughter and coheir of Sir *Edward Lewkenor*, of *Denham* in *Suffolk*, and settled it on her 2d son, *James Calthorp*, Esq. of the *Middle Temple*, who was lord in 1708, and died unmarried, *January* 19, 1716, and buried at *East Barsham*.

From the *Calthorps* it came, by the two daughters and coheirs of Sir *Christopher Calthorp*, to Sir *Thomas L'Estrange*, Bart. and on his death, to his brother, Sir *Henry*, the late lord.

The Earl of *Richmond's* manor of *Horningtoft* extended into this. *Tho. Burt*, son and heir of Sir *Hamon Burt*, lord of *Horningtoft* and of the 4th part of *Wyssingset*, by deed, *sans* date granted to *James*, son of *Henry de Hulmo*, of this town, lands, with a free foldage in the fields, free bull and free boar, paying 2*d*. *per ann.*

John Lynge, alias *Bradele*, granted in the 35th of *Henry* VI. to *John Radclyf* of *Attylborow*, *William Warsop* of *Framlingham*, Esq. and *Joan Lyng*, alias *Bradele*, all his lands, rents, services, with the liberty of a moiety of a foldcourse in this town, *Horningtoft*, and *Godwick*.

This soon after came to the *Bozuns*, and was soon after united to the capital lordship.

The tenths were 3*l*. 2*s*. Deducted 6*s*.

The temporalities of *Westacre* priory in 1428, 10*s*. 4*d*. *ob*.; of *Castleacre* 2*s*.; *Fakenham* priory 11*s*.; *Walsingham* 12*d*.

The Church is a single pile, with a chancel covered with lead, and a square tower with 4 bells.

On the pavement of the chancel lie several gravestones of gray marble, with the effigies of the *Bozouns* in armour, on brass plates; on one,

Ricardus Bozoun quonda' fueram vocitatus,
Quod fueram non sum quia pulvere su' subhumatus,
M. C. tetras ac L. in festi vesp'e[7] *stelle.*
Spiritus expirat, Deus O mea crimina pelle.

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[5] This Robert married to his 2d wife, Winefrede, widow of Robert Coke, Esq.

[6] Thomas died unmarried.

[7] The eve of the Epiphany.

On another,

Orate p. a'i'a. Johis Bozon, Armigi. qui obiit VIII *die Februarij Ao. Do'i.* M. CCCC.LXXXIX. *cuj; a'i'e. &c.*

On a third,

Orate p. a'i'a. Willi Bozon, Armigi. qui obijt XIII *die Februarii, Ao. Do'i.* M.CCCCLX *cuj; a'i'e, &c.*

In the church, near the font, on a gravestone,

Orate p. a'i'a Willi. Hopton, armigeri, filij D'ni. Willi. militis, cuj. a'i'e. &c.

Under the clerk's seat, on a stone, with an effigy in brass, but the arms reaved,

Orate p. a'i'a Thome Gybon, gen'osi, qui obijt V *die Junij, Ao. Do'i* M.CCCC.LXXXIIII. *cuj; &c.*

In a window on the north side of the church there was a few years past, the effigies of a man in a long loose gown of blue, and from a label,

Sc'e Matthia intercede p. me.

Also the arms of *De Castello*, or *Castell*, and *sable*, two watchbills in saltire, *argent*, *Billingford*, impaling *argent*, a chevron, *sable*, in a south window.

In the 4th of *Hen.* VI. *Will. Billingford*, son and heir of *James Billing ford*, released to *Hen. Keys* and *John Wyssingsete*, all his right in several lands and tenements in this town, *Godewyk*, *Horningtoft*, &c. which were *James* his father's, and *Adam* his grandfather's, except the manor of *Okeswick*, and a wood called *Sherndele*, in *Horningtoft*.

In the steeple window, *sable*, two arrows in saltire, *argent*, feathered and pointed, *or*, impaling ermine, on a chief indented, *sable*, three covered cups, *argent*, with some others defaced.

The church is a rectory, dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*; the ancient valor was 10 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 10*d.*

Roger Buzun, who was lord in 1202, gave to the prior and convent of *Castleacre*, two parts of the tithe of his demean in this town, and of his woods that were grubbed up, or should be, (*tam de sartis quam sartatis*,) and the prior and convent resigned their right in the presentation on this reserve, that whoever should be presented by the said *Roger* or his heirs, should give security for the payment of one mark *per ann.* to them.[8]

Eborard Bishop of *Norwich* is said to have confirmed this church to the said priory; and the rector was obliged to pay 40*s. per ann.* pension, for the tithes of the aforesaid demeans.

The present valor is 10*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

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[8] Regist Castleac.

RECTORS.

Peter de Hikelyng occurs rector about the first of *Edward* I. and

John Bozun in the 34th of the said King.

1320, *James de Wyssingset*, by Sir *Peter de Bozoun*, Knt.

1358, *Will. Carpenter*, by *John Bozoun.*

1380, *Thomas Frary*, by *John Bozoun.*

1431, *John Richeman*, by *Richard Bozon*, Esq.

1461, *Robert Newman*, by *Alice*, relict of *William Bozoun*, and *Gregory Guybon*, Esq, and feoffees of *William Bozon.*

1479, *Roger Godynough*, by *ditto.*

1527, *John Bozone*, Esq. presented.

1555, Mr. *Christopher Threder*, S.T.B. *Ditto.*

1567, *Marmaduke Wood*, by *Robert Bozun*, Gent.

1569, *John Potter. Ditto.*

1572, *Vincent Goodwin*, by *Robert* and *Roger Bozun*, Gent.

1577, *Nicholas Brown*, by *Robert Bozon*, Esq.

Thomas Brown compounded for his first fruits in 1613.

John Goodricke compounded in 1642.

William Peartree, rector in 1718.

James Bedingfeld, alias de Grey, on *Peartree's* death, by *Christopher Calthorp*, Esq.

1745, *Henry Calthorp*, by Sir *Thomas L'Estrange*, Knt.

Alice Rokewode of *Whissingset*, Gent. (late wife of *William Bozun*) by her will, dated *January* 20, 1495, bequeaths her body to be buried in the chancel of this church, gives to *Agnes Appleyard* her daughter, all the utensils of her manor of *Woham*; *John Appleyard*, son of her daughter *Agnes*, mentioned therein, and proved in *March* following.[9]

An acre of meadow in this town, called *Finch's*, was given to find 12*d. per ann.* for a lamp to burn in the church, and 1*d.* for the year day, for the souls of *Henry Stalworthy*, and *Alice* his wife, *John Greve*, and *Alice* his wife, and 4*d.* for the ringers, by the last will of *John Greve* the father, in the reign of *Henry* VII.

John Fycher, by his testament, dated *November* 21, 1523, wills to be buried in the churchyard; gives to our Lady's gild, 12*d.* to the sepulchre light 4*d.* to the common light of *Wyssingset*, 4*d.*

Thomas Trumpe, by his will, dated *April* 8, 1528, to be buried in the churchyard; to our lay's light, standing on the rood loft, 12*d.* and a jewel to be bought for *Wyssingset* church, of 3*l* that his father may be prayed for, and 40*s.* for another jewel, and lands, to keep a yearly dole of one penny-worth of bread, and one pennyworth of herring every *Pulver Wednesday (Ashwednesday)* in *Lent*, to every householder in the town.

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[9] Regist. Wolman. fol. 245.

WENDLING.

So called, as lying by meadows on a winding water, or rivulet, was the manor of the abbot of *Bury*, in the time of the Confessor, and at the survey was held of the abbot by *Richard*, or *Ricaiard;* it consisted of a carucate of land, 2 villains, 6 borderers, 6 acres of meadow, and one carucate in demean, and one carucate and an half amongst the tenants, paunage for 100 swine; and one socman had 12 acres; there was also one borderer and a carucate in King *Edward's* time, at the survey but half a carucate, one mill, &c. valued then at 20s. but at the survey at 30s. was 9 furlongs long and six broad, and paid 11*d. ob.* gelt.[1]

In the sixth year of *Richard* I. a fine was levied on the day after St. *Alphege's*, before *Hubert Walter* Archbishop of *Cantebury, Richard Nigel* Bishop of *London, Gilbert Glanvile* Bishop of *Rochester, Herbert*, son of *Hervey, William de Warren, Richurd de Wiat*, and *Thomas de Husseburn*, the King's justices, between *William de Huntingfeld* and *Isabel* his wife, and the abbot of *Bury*, whereby *Will.* and *Isabella* quitclaimed all their right in this town, and advowson of the church, to the abbot, on which the abbot conveyed to him and his wife, and their heirs, the whole township of *Wendling*, to be held of the said abbot and his successours, by the service and payment of 60s. rent *per ann.* and they were to hold the men and tenants of the town, by the same services and customs which they performed to the abbot's predecessors, before *William*, son of *Roger de Gressinghale*, held the same.[2]

This *Isabel* was daughter and sole heir of *William de Gressinghale*, lord of *Gressinghale*, of whom see there.

In 1218, *William de Saham*, clerk, son of *Robert de Saham*, held lands in this town, and was a benefactor to *Wendling* abbey, as I shall shew.

In the Register Niger of *Bury* abbey is an entry of a deed of grant of *John de Norwold*, abbot, about the year 1298, of 50s. *per ann.* rent, to *William*, son of *Ralph de Saham*, clerk, which the convent received of Sir *Jordan Foliot*, lord of this town, and of the honour of *Gressenhale;* witnesses, Sir *Jordan de Saukevill*, then steward of the liberty of *Bury* abbey, Sir *Osbert de Caylly*, Sir *Robert de Cateston*, Sir *Warin de Hereford*, Sir *Ralph de Alneto*, Sir *Laurence de Offington*, knights, *Robert Norwold, William de Badeham*, and *Richard de Saham;* and in the 3d of *Edward* I. Sir *Adam Foliot*, lord, had the assize, &c.

[1] Terra Abb'is de S'co. Edmundo ——— Wendlinga' tenet idem R. (viz. Ricaiard.) de abb'e qd. ten. S. E. p. i car. t're. ii vill. vii bor. vi ac. p'ti. i car. in d'nio. et i car. et dim. hom. silv. c por. et i soc. xii ac. sep. i bor. tc. i car. mo. dim. sep. i mol. xix por. tc. val. xx sol. mo. xxx ht. ix qr. in long, et vi in lat. et ii d. et ob. de g.

[2] Regist. Bury, Pincebek, fol. 186.

HEREFORD'S MANOR.

This was held of the honour of *Gressenhale,* and extended into this town; *Thomas de Hereford* possessed it in 1277, and Sir *Warin de Hereford* in 1300. It afterwards came to the *Ferrours,* and *John Ferrour* died seized of it in 1483, as may be seen in *Hereford* manor in *Gressenhale.*

By an inquisition taken at *Norwich, October* 27, in the 13th of *Charles* I. *Hamon Ferrour,* Gent. was found to die possessed of a capital messuage, divers closes and lands in this town and *Gressenhale,* held of the manor of *Gressenhale* in soccage, and paying 20*s. per ann.* he died *August* 9, 1637, and by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of —— *Sheringham,* left six daughters and coheirs; *Mary,* aged 20, *Martha, Elizabeth, Honoria, Anna,* and *Judith.*

CASTLEACRE PRIORY MANOR.

This was made up of benefactions granted to the convent. *William de Stutevile,* lord of *Gressenhale,* granted in the 29th of *Henry* III. to the prior and convent, all his right in all the lands and tenements which the prior, &c. and their men held in villanage, in the towns and fields of *Wendling,* and *Hinghesham,* and all purprestures made by the prior and his men, to *Easter-day* in the said year; and the prior remitted to *William* all the land which his men held in villanage of the prior, in the said towns, and all purprestures there made, to the said time;[3] and also gave to *William* 40*s.* of silver; witnesses, Sir *Thomas Burt,* Sir *Peter Fleming,* knights, *Ralph Burt, Jeffrey Crowe, Hugh de Wyrested, Reginald de Geyton, William de Acra,* &c.

Richard de Cambeys, by deed, *sans* date, gave for the soul of *Gilbert* Earl of *Gloucester,* and his own soul, *Dychewode.*

John, son of *Robert,* gave, by his deed, *sans* date, *Anschetel,* and his land.

William and *Jeffrey Smith,* gave lands. *William,* son of *Lefenn,* gave meadow grounds, and *William,* son and heir of *Jeffrey Gognecolt,* a tenement, sans date. *William,* son of *Walter de Gressinghale,* gave 6 acres of land in *Kirtling,* with the rent of 8*d. per ann.;* witnesses, Sir *Eudo Harsick,* and *Alexander* his son.

William, son of *Hubert Hunter,* of *Gressinghale,* gave 6 acres in *Kirtling* and the rent of 8*d. per ann.* which *William,* son of *Walter,* his cousin, was to pay him.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior had free warren here and in *Heringshaw,* assise of bread and beer, view of frank pledge, &c.

In 1428, their temporalities here were valued at 5*l.* 17*s. per ann.* and on the dissolution it was granted by *Thomas,* prior of *Castleacre,* to King *Henry* VIII. by fine, in his 29th year.

In the 35th of that King it was granted to *Robert Hogan,* Esq. and *Thomas* his son and heir held it in the 2d of *Edward* VI. and had then license to alien two closes here, called *Some's,* and *Little Gunton's,* to *Bridget Hogan,* and *Wendling* close to *Thomas Caton.*

The tenths were 1*l.* 19*s.* Deducted 6*s.*

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[3] Reg. Castleacr. fol. 33, 96.

WENDLING ABBEY

Was founded about the 52d year of King *Henry* III. by Sir *William de Wendling*, called in some records *Clerk*, son of *William*, and in others, son of *John de Wendling:* he seems to be the same *William de Wendling* who was one of the King's judges or justices, (as appears from a pleading or an assise at *Thetford*, in the 55th year of the said King, on *Wednesday* after the feast of St. *Matthew*, *Gilbert de Preston*, *William de Wendling*, and *Henry de Ryveshale*, associates to the said *Gilbert*,) for canons of the Premonstratensian order, or that of St. *Norbert*, and dedicated to St. *Mary* the Virgin.

One *William de Wendling*, clerk, was master of the hospital of St. *Cross*, near *Winchester*, in the 23d of *Edward* I. and one *William de Wendling* farmed the manor of *Brandon Ferry* in *Suffolk*, of *Hugh* Bishop of *Ely*, in the 43d of *Henry* III.

Sir *William de Wendling*, son of *William de Wendling*, gave them the church of St. *Clement* of *Conisford* in *Norwich*, with several houses near to it, and a key or stathe, which *Simon*, abbot of *Langley* in *Norfolk*, at the request of Sir *Jeffrey de Lodnes*, and for 3*s*. annual rent, confirmed to the said Sir *William*, who in 1267, settled it, with 10 acres of land in *Wendling*, (on which the abbey was built,) with 3*s*. rent in *Baldeswell*, on this abbey, (founded, as *Blomfield* says,[4] on his manor of *Wendling*,) by fine levied between himself and *Nicholas*, abbot there, *Gilbert de Fraunsham*, capital lord of the fee, being present in the court and consenting.

It does not appear that Sir *William* had any lordship here. *Gilbert de Fransham's* manor of *Fransham Magna* extended into this town, and gave his consent as lord of part of the land belonging to his fee.

The principal lord here was *Robert de Stotevile*, son of *William de Stotevile*, lord of the honour of *Gressenhale*, who granted to God, and the church of St. *Mary* of *Wendling*, in 1273, the whole site of the new work of the abbey church there, saving to himself and to his heirs, the patronage of it.

Sir *William de Wendling* also in 1267, settled on *Nicholas*, abbot of *Wendling*, and his successours, 5 messuages, 87 acres of land, a mill, and 10*s*. rent, &c. in *Scarning;* he also granted to them the church of *Langham*, which was appropriated to them, and that of *Wendling*, as I take it.

He was rector of *Bodham* in *Holt* hundred; and in the 41st of *Henry* III. *William de Wendling*, clerk, was the King's escheator.

William de Saham, in 1281, settled divers lands and tenements in *Wendling*, on the abbot and canons, on condition that they paid 5 marks *per ann.* to his chantry chaplain, officiating in his chapel of St. *Andrew* of *Saham Tony.*

This *William* was a justice itinerant in 1276, and in 1282 justice of the King's Bench.

In the 53d of *Henry* III. they had a patent for the patronage of a moiety of *Burnham Ulp*, *Burnham All-Saints*, and St. *Margaret's*, and the advowson of *Yaxham*.

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[4] Blomfd. Hist. Norf. vol. iv. 77.

The abbot and convent had also a lordship in *Feltwell, Norfolk,* and the lordship of *Gunton's* in *Skerning*.

In 1330, the Lady *Margaret Foliot*, patroness of it, was buried before the high altar in the presbytery of the conventual church, on the north side.

The donations of the founder, with those of *Reyner de Gimmingham, Robert de Stutevil,* and *Jordan Foliot*, knights, were in the 6th of *Edward* III. confirmed.

ABBOTS.

Nicholas occurs abbot in 1267, and the first, as I take it.

Robert occurs abbot in 1286, and 1314.

John, abbot, resigned 1329.

William de Saxlingham, admitted abbot, by the Bishop of *Norwich*, in 1329.

John de Norwich, abbot, died 1339.

Thomas de Titleshale, admitted in 1339, and occurs in 1352.

John occurs abbot in 1377, and 1398.

Ralph occurs abbot, and kept his first court at *Feltwell*, on *Tuesday* after the feast of St. *Margaret*, in the 10th of *Henry* V.

Edmund Elmham, abbot, kept his first court there on *Thursday* after the feast of St. *Paul*, in the 7th of *Henry* VI. and occurs in the 5th of *Edward* IV.

John Scherning, abbot, kept his first court on *Thursday* before the feast of St. *Gregory*, in the 14th of *Edward* IV. was instituted rector of *Fransham Magna* in 1448, and occurs in 1503, when he died.

John occurs abbot in 1509.

Thomas Walsoken, abbot, kept his first court on *Wednesday* before the feast of St. *Thomas* the Martyr, in the 19th of *Henry* VII.

At this time there were 6 canons here.

Richard Rolston, canon of *Welbeck*, kept his first court on *Thursday* before the feast of St. *Ambrose*, in the 20th of *Henry* VII. and occurs *ao.* 19 *Henry* VII.

John Yorke, abbot, kept his first court on *Monday* after the feast of St. *Dominica in Abbis*, in the 24th of *Henry* VII.

Thomas occurs abbot in 1533.

At the Dissolution it was valued at 55*l*. 18*s*. 4*d*. *per ann.* and was seated in a marsh or low ground, with a small rivulet to the south; the entrance into the abbey court was on the west, which court was on the north side of the conventual church, and the churchyard, both of these taking in about 2 acres of ground.

The church, as well as it can now be traced, (most of the very foundation stones being dug up and carried away to mend the roads) was, together with the presbytery, or chancel, about 72 paces long, and with the north and south isles, about 18 broad; part of the wall of the west end of the church is still standing, covered with ivy, and the wall of the churchyard was close to the river, running south of it. Not long before its suppression, here were an abbot and 6 canons.

A late author says that it was granted by Queen *Eliz.* in her 16th year, to *Edward Dyer*, Esq.[5]

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[5] Mag. Brit. Ant. &c. vol. iii. p. 416. Spelman's Hist. of Sacril. p. 264.

Sir *Henry Spelman* observes that it was not dissolved by the statute or act of *Henry* VIII. but before the general dissolution, by a bull of Pope *Clement* VII. dated *May* 14, 1528, and granted to Cardinal *Wolsey* for the erection of his two colleges, of *Christ-church* in *Oxford*, and that of *Ipswich*, and was farmed of Christ college, by *Thomas Hogan*, Esq. of *East Bradenham*.

On the 11th of *December*, King *Henry*, in his 38th year, granted it to the dean and chapter of *Christ-church* in *Oxford*, on his own foundation.

The King had granted it again, in his 37th year, *May* 5th, to Sir *Richard Southwell*, who reconveyed it, on an exchange for other lands, in the 38th of the said King, and remains at this time in the dean, &c. aforesaid.

This is to be understood of the manor and lands in *Wendling*, and not of the appropriation.

The CHURCH of *Wendling* was appropriated to the abbey, valued at 5 marks, paid *Peter*-pence, *2d. ob.* and dedicated to St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*. The late Earl of *Leceister* was impropriator.

It is covered with lead and has a square steeple, with 3 bells; on one, in old characters,

Johannes de Guddine fecit me. Ave Maria gratia plena D'ns tecum.

Here are several gravestones,

In memory of Mr. Farrour Markant, who died June 6, 1675.
Of *Thomas Markant, gent. who died, aged* 52, 1649.
Of *John Hammont, gent. who died November* 13, 1678, *aged* 20.
Of *Hillary Forby, who died November* 26, 1658, *aged* 59.
Of *Hil. Forby, jun. who died December* 24, 1673, *aged* 13.
Of *Mrs. Mary Forby, who died July* 21, 1677, *aged* 22.

I have seen a writing expressing that this impropriate rectory was granted by Queen *Elizabeth*, in her 4th year, with that of *Langham*, to *Arthur Futter*, Gent. and that concealed lands belonging to it were granted in her 12th year, *February* 9, to *Nicholas Mynns*.

William Futter was impropriator in the 35th of *Elizabeth*, and soon after Sir *Edward Coke* purchased it, 1630.

KIRTLING.

IN the Conqueror's book of *Domesday*, we find a town or place of this name, held by *Stigand* in King *Edward's* time, and then in the Conqueror's hand, and farmed or took care of for him, by *William de Noiers*: it then consisted of two socmen, 17 acres of land, and one of meadow; in King *Edward's* time there was also half a carucate, but not at the survey, and was valued with *Stigand's* manor of *Mileham*, then in King *Edward's* hands, who afterwards gave it, with the manor of *Mileham,* to *Alan,* son of *Flaald,* ancestor of the Earls of *Arundel.*[6]

The monks of *Castleacre* held two parts of the tithes of *William de Kirtling,* in the reign of *Henry* III.

This manor or place was valued in *Mileham* as a beruite to it, and probably stood near to that town in this hundred, (where it is mentioned by the survey) and as I find it named with certain other gifts in this hundred to the priory of *Castleacre,* I have thought it proper here to insert it.

William, son of *Walter de Gressinghale,* gave 6 acres of land in *Kirtling,* with the rent of 8*d. per ann.* to the said priory.

William, son of *Hubert Hunter,* of *Gressinghale,* gave 9 acres in *Kirtling,* and the rent of 8*d. per ann.* which *William,* son of *Walter* his cousin, was to pay him.

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[6] T're. Stigandi Epi. quas custodit W. de Noiers.——In Kirtlinga ii soc. xvii ac. t're. et i ac. p'ti. T.R.E. dim. car. mo. nichil. et hoc. e. in p'tio. de Mulha'.

LODDON HUNDRED.

In *Domesday* Book wrote *Lothna, Loddinga,* and *Lothinga,* its site being among low, watery meadows: thus *Lothbury* in *Bucks.* This hundred and that of *Clavering,* were united together, and in the Crown, and lie between the two great rivers of the *Yar,* on the north, and the *Waveney* on the south. In the 7th year of King *Henry* III. *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk* had the royalty of the river *Waveney,* (which parts the county of *Norfolk* from *Suffolk,*) between the 2 towns of *Beccles* and *Bungey.* In the 34th of the said King, the two hundreds were farmed of the Crown, at 22*l.* and in the 52d at 24*l. per ann.*

Sir *John de Clavering* had a grant, in the 2d of *Edward* I. to farm them, and held them in the 9th of that King, and in the 14th of the said King, valued at 20*l. per ann.*

Loddon is the name of a river in *Herefordshire,* and *Berkshire.*

The reader is to observe that the following towns in this hundred, are as they were accounted in the book of *Domesday,* and as they stood there at that time, and belonged to it.

ASHBY.

Six freemen and the moiety of six other freemen under the commendation of *Aslac,* and *Lefric* held here a carucate and an half, and 20 acres of land; on their expulsion, *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk* had a grant of it: on his rebellion and forfeiture, the King granted it to *Godric* his steward, who had also 5 acres, held by a freeman, and the moiety of another.[1]

William de Cheney was lord afterwards of it, and of *Claxton,* and *Helgeton,* and so came to the *Cressys,* and the family of *Kerdeston* was enfeoffed of it, from whom it came to the *De la Poles*, Dukes of *Suffolk*, &c. the *Gaudys*, &c. as in *Claxton*.

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[1] Terre Godrici dapiferi.—In Ascebei vi libi. ho's integri, et vi dim. Aslac et Lefrici com'd. de xx t're. sep. 1 car. dim.——In Asebei i lib. et dim. v. ac.

Roger Bigot, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, had a grant of lands which 10 freemen of *Suetman* were deprived of, being 30 acres, with a carucate and two acres of meadow; and there were 27 acres and a carucate, which 7 freemen had, the moiety of them was in *Swetman*, and *Robert de Vaux* held it under *Roger Bigot*.

Robert de Vaux held also under *Roger*, one socman, with 4 acres and 2 bovates, valued at 6*d*.

Robert de Vaux held under *Roger* 9 acres of land, which 2 freemen of *Algar* were deprived of, who ploughed it with 2 oxen.

The town was 9 furlongs, long, 5 broad, and paid 6*d*. gelt.[2]

The family of *De Helgeton* were enfeoffed of this lordship. In the 20th of *Henry* III. Sir *William de Helgeton* was found to hold half a fee in this town, *Claxton* and *Helgeton*, which was *Thomas de Helgeton's*, son of *Herbert de Helgeton*, and the Earl of *Gloucester's* manor extended into it.

In the 25th of *Edward* I. Sir *William de Kerdeston* purchased by fine of Sir *Thomas de Helgeton*, and *Alice* his wife, this lordship, and the reversion of several lands, except one messuage, with 7 acres of land; and the advowson of this church and that of *Helgeton*.

In the next year he purchased of *John de Helgeton* and *Claricia* his wife, 24 messuages, 3 mills, 320 acres of land, 9 acres and a half of meadow, 4 of wood, 125 of marsh, 3 and an half of pasture, 28*s*. and 3*d*. rent, with one pound of cummin, several capons, &c. *per ann.* in this town, *Claxton*, *Helgeton*, *Holveston*, *Rockland*, *Thurton*, and *Carleton*, with the advowsons of *Ashby* and *Helgeton*; so that the *Kerdestons* were lords of this manor, and the other before mentioned and after them the *De la Poles*, &c. *Gaudys*, *Brereton*, and ——— *Crow*, Esq. of *Castor*.

The Earl of *Gloucester* and *Clare's* manor of *Carleton* extended here, as I have observed; and in the 8th of *Edward* II. the heirs of *Oliver Wyth* were found to hold in this town, *Carlton*, &c. half a fee of the honour of *Clare*.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *Henry Withe*, and his parceners, viz. the abbot of *West Derham*, &c. held of the Earl a quarter of a fee, which *John Wythe*, and *Roger Broom* formerly had; and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Thomas* Lord *Mowbray* was capital lord of *Bigot's* fee in this town, *Claxton*, &c. and the Earl of *March*, capital lord of the *Clare* or *Gloucester* fee.

The tenths were 1*l*. 10*s*.

The CHURCH of *Ashby* is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Mary*, and was valued at 10 marks. *Peter*-pence 12*d*. carvage 8*d*. and the rector had a manse, with 30 acres of land, in the reign of *Edward* I. and Sir *Thomas de Helgeton* was lord and patron. The present valor is 6*l*.

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[2] T're, Rógeri Bigoti——In Asebei x libi. hoe's. ej'dem Suetman de xxx ac. semp. i car. et ii ac. p'ti. in eade' vii dim. lib. de xxvii acr. sep. i car. idem. —In Assebei i soc. de iiii ac. t're. et ii bov. et val. vid.—Robs.—In Assebei ii lib. ho'es ej' dem (Algari) ix ac. sep' ar. cu. ii bovib; ide.----Asebei ht. ix qr. in longo et v in lato, et de gelto vid.

RECTORS.

Henry de Len, rector.
1301, *Roger de Breton.*
1316, *Nicholas de Beynton*, presented by Sir *Robert de Burgulyon*, Knt.
1342, *John Shakelok*, by *Hugh de Burgulyon.*
1349, *Simon Wade*, by *Robert de Cleydon*, and *Solomon*, rector of *Caston.*
1359, *John Coleyn*, by *Solomon*, rector of *Caston.*
1361, *Simon Bere. Ditto.*
Walter de Dunwich, rector.
1365, *Tho. Flokke. Ditto.*
1391, *Thomas Chamberleyn*, by *Edmund de Clypesby*, and *Richard de Lyng.*
1402, *Robert Stalham*, by Sir *Miles Stapleton*, and Sir *William Argenton.*
1419, *William Smith*, by Sir *Leonard Kerdeston.*
1433, *John Attleburgh*, by *Thomas* Lord *Morley*, and Sir *Edmund Barry.*
1435, *Richard Fysher*, by Sir *Thomas Kerdeston.*
John Hert, rector.
1438, *John Werkton*, by Sir *Thomas Kerdeston.*
1481, *Stephen Pydd*, by *John* Duke of *Suffolk.*
1496, *Thomas Eyer*, by *Elizabeth* Dutchess of *Suffolk.*
1500, *Robert Oulton*, rector.
1501, *Thomas Robynson*, by *Charles* Duke of *Suffolk.*
1524, *Thomas Barsy. Ditto.*
1567, *Richard Toll*, by *Thomas Gawdy*, serjeant at law.
1597, *William Cockram*, by *Henry Gawdy*, Esq. in 1603, he returned 90 communicants.
1606, *William Flowerdew*, by Sir *Henry Gawdy.*
1618, *Robert Peachie. Ditto.*
1662, *John Feveryere*, by *Tho. Gawdy*, Esq.
1685, *Edward Yovell*, by *Cuthbert Brereton*, Gent.
1701, *Samuel Kirk*, by *Thomas Gawdy*, Esq.
1723, *Francis Brook*, by *Cuthbert Brereton*, senior, Gent.
1746, *Stephen Degullion*, by *William Smith*, Gent. *hac vice.*

The church is a single pile, covered with tile, and has a square tower with three bells.

Here are gravestones for,

Robert Holmes, gent. who died 1698, *aged* 73; and for *Anne his wife, who died in* 1688, *aged* 67.

For,

William Holmes, gent. who died in 1704, *aged* 44.

In the chancel, one for,

Edward Yovell, A.M. rector of Ashby cum Hellington, and rector of Carlton cum Claxton, who died June 16, 1701.

APTON,

Called in *Domesday* Book, *Appleton. Roger Bigot* had then 30 acres of land in demean, and one borderer. This with some lands of his in *Thurton, Carleton,* and *Mundham,* were then valued at 30*s.* and the soc was in the lord of the hundred.[3]

Robert de Vaux held it under *Roger,* and from the *Vaux* it came to the Lords *Roos,* &c.; the lordship of *Bergh* also extended into it, as may be seen in *Bergh,* but this town has been destroyed time immemorial. See in *Bergh.*

A church formerly belonged to it, dedicated to St. *Martin,* was a rectory, in the patronage of the *Vaux,* and came by the heiresses of that family, to the *Nerefords,* and Lord *Roos.* In the 8th of *Henry* III. *Robert de Nereford* was querent, and *Roger le Pavilly* impedent, of the advowson of this church, and 5 acres of land granted to *Robert* and his heirs.

In the reign of *Edward* I. the rector had a manse, with 10 acres of glebe; it was then valued with *Bergh,* and the lord of *Bergh* was patron; it paid *Peter*-pence, 9*d.* after this, I find it called a chapel, and has been destroyed about two centuries past.

BERGH-APTON.

This town does not occur in the Book of *Domesday,* so as to give us a satisfactory account of the tenure of the principal lordship; we only meet with a small fee or lands which St. *Etheldreda* (that is the church of *Ely*) held in *Thurton* and *Thorp,* in this hundred, as may be there seen, and are said to belong to *Berc,* with all their customary dues, and to be valued there. See in *Thurton* in this hundred, and *Thorp* in *Clavering* hundred.

It is certain that the ancient family *De Monte Canisio,* were soon after the Conquest possessed of it.

Agnes, widow of *Warine* Lord *Muntchensy,* son of *Hubert,* held it about the 30th of *Henry* II. being then 60 years of age, (daughter of *Pain Fitz-John,*) of the church of *Ely,* as said, and was a widow, in the King's disposal or gift; Sir *William* and Sir *Ralph de Montchensy* were her sons, and *Hubert*, who was a clerk; also 2 daughters, one married to *Stephen de Glanvile*, the other to *William Paynel*.[4]

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[3] T're Rogeri Bigoti.—In Apletona xxx ac. t're. in d'nio. et i bord. totu'. &c. val. sep. xxx sol. soca in hund.

William de Montchensy, by deed, sans date, grants to *Ralph de Bradeker*, all the land which was *Gilbert de Karleman's*, belonging to his manor of *Bergh*, paying 12*d. per ann.* witnesses, *Richard de Seiges*, *William de Manors*, *William Fitz-Jeffrey*, *Warine*, son of *Ralph*, *Richard Wassingford*, &c.

Warine Lord *Montchensy* gave in the 15th of King *John*, 2000 marks for livery of his inheritance; and had by *Joan* his wife, daughter and coheir of *William Marchal* Earl of *Pembroke*, *William* his son and heir, who married *Dionysia*, daughter and heir of *Nicholas de Anesley*, whose son, *William*, leaving an only daughter and heir, *Dionysia*, brought this lordship, &c. to *Hugh de Vere*; and dying without issue, her inheritance descended to *Joan*, her father's sister, married to *William de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke*, lord of *Bergh* and *Apeton*. In the 7th of *Edward* II. his son and heir *Aymer*, Earl of *Pembroke*, married *Mary*, daughter of *Guy de Chatillon* Earl of St. *Paul* in *France*, but dying in the 17th of *Edward* II. his two sisters were found to be his heirs.

Isabel, the eldest, had a grant of dispensation from the Pope, on account of consanguinity, to marry *Jn. de Hastings*, Lord of *Abergavenny*; and *Joan*, the youngest, married *John Comyn*, Lord of *Badenhagh*, in *Scotland*.

On a division of the estate, this lordship came to the *Hastings*.

John de Hastings Earl of *Pembroke* dying *s. p.* in the 13th of *Richard* II. settled (through the persuasion of his mother, as is said) the *Hastings* estate on her nephew, Sir *William Beauchamp*, 2d son of *Thomas* Earl of *Warwick*, by *Catherine* his wife, daughter of *Roger Mortimer* Earl of *March*, sister to *Agnes*, mother of *John* Earl of *Pembroke*, aforesaid, by *Laurence* Earl of *Pembroke*.

Great lawsuits commenced on account of this settlement, between *Reginald Grey*, lord of *Ruthyn*, as heir, and Sir *William Beauchamp*, which was compromised in the 15th of *Richard* II. and Sir *William* had a grant of this lordship, &c. with the barony of *Abergavenny*, in *Wales*.

Joan, widow of Sir *William*, sister and coheir of *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel*, died seized of the castle and manor of *Abergavenny*, *Pembroke's Inn* in *London*, and *Kederminster* in *Worcestershire*, as part of her dower.

Richard Beauchamp, his son and heir, was Earl of *Worcester*, and by *Isabel* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Richard*, son and heir of *Thomas* Lord *D'Spencer*, had a daughter and sole heir, *Elizabeth*, who brought the inheritance to her husband, Sir *Edward Nevill*, Lord of *Abergavenny*, in her right, 4th son of *Ralph Nevill* Earl of *Westmoreland*; at his death in the 16th of *Edward* IV. *George* was his son and heir, who, by his will, dated 1498, at *Chartham* in *Kent*, bequeaths his body to be buried in the monastery of St. *Pancras* at *Lewis* in *Sussex*, "where I have lately made a tomb."[5] By *Eliz.* his wife, he had *George*, his son and heir.

Elizabeth his widow, by her will, dated *April* 14, 1500, gives her body

[4] Rot. de Dniab; &c.

[5] Regist Howe in Prerog. Lond. fol. 8. Reg. Moon, in Cur. Prerog. fol. 8.

to be buried in the church of St. *Martin, Outwich, London,* in *Bishopsgate-street,* in a vault of the chapel of our Lady there, by *Richard Nayler* her husband; and wills a priest to pray there, for the souls of *George* Lord *Abergavenny, Richard Nayler, Rowland Basset,* and *John Stokker,* her husbands: she was the daughter of *William Brent* of *Chartham.*

George Nevill Lord *Abergavenny,* their son and heir, had by *Mary* his 2d wife, daughter of *Edward* Duke of *Bucks, Henry* his son and heir, who married *Frances,* daughter of *Thomas* Earl of *Rutland;* he dying in the 29th of *Elizabeth,* left an only daughter and heir, married to Sir *Thomas Vane;* so that his brother *Edward's* son succeeded him in honour and estate, and was Lord *Abergavenny.*

It appears that *Henry* aforesaid left a widow, *Elizabeth,* daughter of *Stephen Darrell,* remarried to *William Sidley,* and had dower assigned her, by *Edward* Lord *Abergavenny,* in the 36th of *Elizabeth.*

In this family it still remains, the Right Honourable Lord *Abergavenny* being lord and patron.

At the time of the lawsuit abovementioned, *John Maycote* of *Brenchesley,* in *Kent,* deposed that he then lived with Sir *William Brenchesley,* who was of counsel to Sir *William Beauchamp,* (afterwards a judge,) and one day he invited to dinner at his house at the end of *Paternoster-row, London,* all the said counsel, viz. Sir *Robert Charleton, William Pynchebek, William Brenchesley, John Catesley,* and other judges of the law; and at the end of dinner, he arose from table, went into his chapel, and a little while after, came back, laid a noble before each counsel on the table, saying,

"Sirs, for God's sake inform me fully whether I have any right or not, and delay me no longer." They sitting in doubt of his anger, *William Pynchbeck,* said, "Sir *William,* certainly there is no man who will assure you those lands and lordships, unless you have a release from the heirs of *Hastings,* and that heir being under age, his release would not signify:" upon this the composition was made afterwards.

Sir *Andrew de Hengham* had an interest, and held lands of this manor, and for 35 marks of silver gave them to *Henry de Norwich,* clerk, in the 8th of *Edward* I. and in the 17th of *Edward* II. *Henry de Heylesdon* was found to hold in *Bergh cum Apeton,* the 16th part of a fee of the barony of *Montchensy.*

In the 5th of *Edward* III. *Bartholomew Bateman* and *Petronilla* his wife, *John de Acre,* and *Anabilla* his wife, conveyed to *John de Berney* and *Sarah* his wife, lands here, in *Thurton, Sithing,* and *Mendham,* part of which *Agnes,* widow of *Henry de Heylesdon,* held for life.

Richard de la Rokeley was also found in the 17th of *Edward* II. to hold lands here of the Earl of *Pembroke,* and *Thomas* his son held it in the 20th of *Edward* III. of *Mary de St. Paul* Countess of *Pembroke; Adam Horne,* in the 24th of *Edward* I. and *Alice* his wife, had granted by fine to *Richard,* son of *William de la Rokeleys,* 12 messuages, 253 acres of land, 5 of marsh, 4 of meadow, 7 of wood, 30*s.* rent here, in *Apeton, Holveston,* &c.

Apton, and *Holveston* were at this time hamlets belonging to *Burgh,* now, as I conceive, depopulated.

Richard Berney, Esq. of *Langley* sold his interest herein to Mr. *Green,* a yeoman, whose son *Thomas* enjoyed it: only 2 copyholders then belonged to it, and the free rents were about 13*s. per ann.* it was held in soccage, of the Lords *Abergavenney's* manor.

On an inquisition taken in 1652, it was found that there were 592 acres of land, subject to be drowned.

Here was also a little manor called *Washingford's*, from its owner: *Francis Wolfe*, Gent. of *Thurton*, bought it of *William Westgate*, and it was held of *Bergh Apton* manor, paying 2*s. per ann.* about the reign, of Queen *Elizabeth*.

William de Washingford held it *A*°. 41 *Henry* III.

The tenths were 5*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*—Deducted 1*l.* 6*s.*

Temporalities of *Norwich* priory 3*s.*

Mr. *Roket*, rector, gave 28 acres of land, to pay the lete fee, 6*s.* 8*d.* to the lord yearly, &c.

The Church of *Bergh* is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, has a nave and south isle covered with lead, a square tower, with 6 tuneable bells, and a chancel covered with lead.

In the chancel is a grave-stone,

In memory of Robert Connould rector, 48 *years and* 8 *months, who rebuilt the chancel, and died October* 31, 1715, *in the* 76*th year of his age.*

Sarah, wife of *John Berney*, Esq. was buried in the chapel of St *Anne*, in the church, and by his will in the 48th of *Edward* III. he gives a legacy to the making of a new window in the new chancel of this church.

In the reign of *Edward* I. *William* Lord *Montchensy* was patron of the church; the rector had then a manse, with 14 acres of land, and held it with *Apton*, and a mediety of the church of *Holveston*; there was also a vicarage erected out of the profits of the rectory, belonging to the fee of the prioress of *Carhow*, endowed with 30 acres of land, and valued together at 26 marks.

Peter-pence 16*d.* and carvage, with *Apton*, 11*d.*

Carhow priory had a portion of tithe valued at 26*s.* 8*d.* given by *William* Lord *Montchensy*.

RECTORS.

In the 14th of *Edward* I. *Simon de Liston* was rector, and *James* was vicar.

1321, *William Cross*, instituted, presented by *Adam de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke*, and before this, in 1318, the said Earl presented *Robert de Redeswell*.

1328, *William de Merstang*.

1342, *Robert de Winfarthing*, by *Mary de St. Paul* Countess of *Pembroke*.

1353, *William de Fratyngton*. *Ditto*.

1359, *Peter de Thaxtead, ditto*, to *Bergh*, *cum Apton*, chapel, and the moiety of *Holveston* annexed.

1378, *John Curson*, by the King.

1406, *William Mauston*, by *William Beauchamp* Lord *Abergavenny*.

1409, *Robert Leghum*. *Ditto*.

1422, *Robert Potter*, by *Joan* Lady *Abergavenny*.
1425, *Roger Philpot. Ditto.*
1434, *William Wyrmod. Ditto.*
1439, *John Halle*, by *George Nevill* Lord *Abergavenny*.
1449, *John Hilles*, by *Edward* Lord *Abergavenny*.
1451, *Robert Sterop. Ditto.*
1466, *John Bryan. Ditto.*
1468, *William Newhouse. Ditto.*
1469, Mr. *Step. Sharpe. Ditto.*
1471, *Robert Roket. Ditto*
1513, *Richard Bull.*
1517, *Nicholas Harrison*, by *George* Lord *Abergavenny*.

1545, *John Matchet*, by the King, on the minority of *Henry* son of *George* Lord *Abergavenny*.

1582, *Henry Keddington*: in 1603, he returned 156 communicants, and died in 1606.

Robert Bate, rector.
Mr. *Horseman* died rector in 1658, and
Mr. *Samuel Stead*, rector, died in 1668, and was succeeded by
Mr. *Robert Connould.*

In 1717, *Thomas Dunch* was presented by *Ash Windham*, Esq. and to a mediety of *Holveston.*

1719, *Richard French*, by *George* Lord *Abergavenny*.
1765, *Walter Nevill. Ditto.*

The present valor, with *Apton* and *Holveston* mediety, is 13*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. and pays first fruits, &c.

The chapel of *Apton* was standing in 1359.

Holveston appears then to have been a village, and to have had a church to which there belonged two medieties; to one of these the rector of *Bergh* was presented in 1359, and so remains annexed at this time.

There was a good family that took their name from it: *John de Holveston*, and Sir *Thomas*, his son, were lords of a manor in *Heverland* in the reign of King *Edward* III. as may be there seen, &c.

In 1330, *Robert de Hardeshull* resigned the moiety of *Holveston*, in exchange for *Belagh* in *South Erpingham.*

BEDINGHAM.

The greatest part of this town was possessed by the Conqueror, and *Godric* his steward took care of it. *Hagan*, a thane, or *Saxon* nobleman of King *Edward* the Confessor, was then lord of it, and under the commendation of *Stigand* the Archbishop of *Canterbury*.

This *Hagan*, or *Hacun*, was son of *Swane*, (eldest son of Earl *Godwin*) and nephew of King *Harold*, and was deprived of it, consisting of 2 carucates of land, 4 villains, &c. 4 borderers, 3 servi, and 5 carucates in demean, 2 carucates and a half of the tenants, &c. and 8 acres of meadow, and there was a saddle horse kept at the hall, and one cow. In *Hacun's* time there also belonged to it 6 socmen with all their customary dues, and afterwards there were 26; twenty of these were added by *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk*, with the soc of the fold, and among all them were 80 acres and 5 carucates, &c. by this it appears that Earl *Ralph* had an interest by grant of the Conqueror, which he forfeited before the grand survey.

In the same town were 5 freemen; of 3 of these *Hagan* had the commendation, and of the other 2 *Algar* (Earl of of *Mercia*) had it, who were also deprived; and in *Wooton* a freeman under the protection of *Godwin*. Among all these there was a carucate and an half of land, 12 borderers, and 5 carucates and 4 acres of meadow, the whole valued in King *Edward's* time at 4*l.* at the survey it paid a quitrent of 8*l.* and 20*s.* as a fine or income; of the 8*l.* six freemen pay 27*s.* 4*d.* it was one leuca long, and half a one broad; the gelt 6*d.* King *Edward* had the soc of these freemen, and *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk* held it unjustly, at the time of his outlawry.[6]

How long these tenures were in the Crown does not appear, but in the reign of *Henry* II. *Hugh de Gournay* was lord; and in the beginning of King *John's* reign, *Hugh de Gournay*, a *Norman* baron (see in *Castor*, *Flegg* hundred) gave it to *Nicholas de Stutvile* with *Gunnora* his daughter in marriage: *Nicholas* was soon after disseised of it, as land of the *Normans*, for their rebellion in 1205, by King *John;* who in the next year, restored to *Nicholas* the son, all that his father *Nicholas* had been deprived of.

At the seisure of the manor and stock, it was assigned to *Walter de Cantelupe*, during the King's pleasure.

In the 5th of *Henry* III. there was an inquisition concerning the patronage of this church, whether it belonged to the King or *Nicholas*, as King *John* on the seizure beforesaid had presented *John de Brancastre* to this church,[7] but it was now restored to *Nicholas;* and in the 23d of the said King, *Nicholas* impleaded the prior of *Walsingham* on the same account; the prior pleaded the grant of it from *Hubert de Burgh* Earl of *Kent*, who being called to warrant it, proved his right, by the grant of *Nicholas de Stutevile*, his father: this pleading is said to have been held at St. *Bride's* in *London*. *Rot.* 4, *in dorso.*

John de Stutvile, son of *Nicholas*, was lord in the 41st of *Henry* III. when *Simon de Greynvil*, and *Alice* his wife, recovered her dower as late widow of *Nicholas de Stutevile.*

Sir *Nicholas de Stutvile* granted in the 16th of *Edward* I. this lord-

[6] Terra Regis qua' Godric' servat.— Bedingaha' ten. Hagan teyn'. Regis, et Stigandi com'dat. T. R. E. p. ii car. tre. tc. iiii vill. p' et mo. ii tc. iiii bord. p' et mo. v sep. iii ser. tc. v car. in d'nio p' et mo. i et dim. tc. ii car. et dim. hou' p' et mo. i silva xx porc. viii ac. p'ti. sep. i eq'. in aula. et i an et sep. xiiii porc. in te'pe Regis Ed. adjiciebant huic man. vi. soc. cu'. omi consuet. p' et mo. xxvi de quib. addidit R. Comes cu' soka falde. int. om's LXXX tc. v car. p'. et mo. iiii et in Uidetuna i lib. ho' Goduinj comd. int. o'es i car. et dim. tre. et xii bord. sep. int. o'es v car. et iiii ac. pti. tnc. totu. val. iiii lib. p'. et mo. viii blanc. et xx sol. ad numeru'. de gersuma. de hijs viii lib. dant. hi vi lib. ho'es xxvii sol. et iiiid. ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et de gelto vid q'cuq. ibi teneat. sup. hos libos habebat Rex E. soca' sed R. com. tenuit injuste qu'se foris fecit. In eade' v lib. ho'es de iii hab. Hagan comd. et Algar de ii.

[7] Rot. Pip.

ship to *Nicholas de Castello* and his heirs, to be held by one knight's fee; and in the 28th of that King, purchased by fine 9 messuages, 75 acres of land, the fourth part of a mill in this town and *Wotton* of *Richard Cosyn* and *Margaret* his wife, and in the 31st, *Greg. de Castello* was a trustee of *Nicholas de Castello* and *Cecilia* his wife.

In the 3d of *Edward* II. *Greg. de Castello*, of *Raveningham*, had a charter of free-warren, and in the 11th of that King, *Greg. de Castello* and *Eufemia* his wife, settled this lordship in tail on *Nicholas* his son and *Christiana* his wife, daughter of *Jeff. de Meldeton*; *Nicholas de Castello* and *Christiana* his wife settle it on *Nicholas* their son, and *Margaret* his wife, being held of the Lord *Bardolf*, as heir to the *Gournay's*.

Humphrey Castell, Esq. was lord in 1461.

In the 5th of *Edward* VI. it was valued at 10*l. per ann.* and was sold to *William Stanhaw*, Gent. by *John Castell*, Esq. of *Raveningham.*

From the *Stanhaw's*, it came to *William Stone*, Gent. by the marriage of *Catherine*, daughter and heir of *William Stanhaw*, who died in 1659.

Thomas Stone, Esq. married *Lucy*, daughter of *Robert Suckling*, Esq. was living about 1700 and died *s. p.*

WALSINGHAM PRIORY MANOR.

The ancient family of *De Udedale*, or *Dovedale*, was enfeoffed of part of the Conqueror's lordships abovementioned; they were lords also of *Tacolneston* in this county.

John de Uvedale, in the 41st of *Henry* III. was found to have disseised *John de Stutevile* of certain lands.

John de Plumstead and *Beatrix* his wife, daughter of *John de Uvedale*, were querents in a fine *A°.* 32, of *Edward* I. and *Margery*, widow of *John de Uvedale*, deforcient of 9 messuages, a mill, 170 acres of land, 9 of meadow, 5 of pasture, 11 of wood, and 40*s.* rent, in this town, *Wotton*, and *Hedenham*, &c. settled by *Margery* on *John* and *Beatrix* in tail, remainder to *Alice*, another daughter of *Margery*; and in the 1st of *Edward* II. the sheriff of *Norfolk* had a precept to make enquiry, why *Margery* would not convey it.

The right was probably not in her, but in Sir *John de Uvedale*, who in 1318, gave this manor, worth 10*s. per ann.* to the canons of *Walsingham*, who have a license for it, with messuages, and land in *Walsingham.*

On the dissolution of this priory it came to the Crown, and was granted together with the appropriated rectory on *March* 22, *A°.* 7 *Edward* VI. to *Thomas Gawdy*, Esq. who in the said year had license to convey it to *William Goslyn*, who died seized of it held *in capite*, in the 4th of *Elizabeth*, with the rectory (called often a priory) and *John* was his son and heir. By an inquisition taken *October* 17, *A°.* 37 *Elizabeth*, *John Goslin* was found to die seized of the same on *August* 22, in the said year, and *John* was his son and heir, aged 22, by *Anne* his wife, daughter of ----- *Vere*: in this family it remained, *William Goslin*, Gent. possessing it in 1700: from the *Goslings* it came to ----- *Howes*, M.D. who was lord in 1720.

Roger Bigot had the grant of a lordship of which *Offa*, a thane of

Archbishop *Stigand*, was deprived; a carucate of land belonged to it, and *Roger* held it at the survey; there were 12 borderers, 2 servi, 2 carucates in demean, 3 of the tenants, 3 acres of meadow, 2 horses of the lord, 9 swine, 20 goats valued at 10*s.* at the survey at 30*s.*[8]

The family of *Shelton*, lords of *Shelton* in *Norfolk*, were soon after the survey enfeoffed of this lordship, and held it under the *Bigots* Earls of *Norfolk*; in the year 1235, *Robert*, son of *Ralp de Shelton* was lord, and in 1270, *Henry de Shelton*, and *Robert* was his son, who had a grant of free warren in this town, *Shelton*, &c. in 1286; he was a knight, and died in the 34th of *Edward* I. leaving by *Isabel* his wife, *John* his son and heir; this lordship was then extended at 73*s.* 5*d.* and held of *Robert de Tateshale*, who held it of the honour of *Fornset*.

Sir *Ralph Shelton* settled it in 1346, on his marriage with *Joan*, daughter of Sir *John de Plais*: in this family it remained till Sir *John Shelton* conveyed it by fine, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. with 10 messuages, 10 gardens, 200 acres of land, 4 of meadow, 40 of pasture, 4 of wood, and 8*l.* rent in this town, *Topcroft*, &c. to *Thomas Hanchet*, Gent. of *Uphall* in *Braughing*, *Hertfordshire*.

About the year 1600, —— *Spilling* of this town was lord; he purchased it of *Ralph Stanhagh*, who was living in 1562.

The *Stanhow's* were an ancient family in this town.

Thomas Stanhow wills, the 3d of *December* 1414, to be buried in the chapel of St. *John* of *Bedingham*:[9] *Joan* his wife, *Ralph* and *Robert* his sons, and several of them here buried.

Roger, buried in 1558.—*Margaret*, wife of *William Stanhow*, Gent. in 1632, *Roger Stanhow*, Gent. in 1633.—*William Stanhow*, Gent. in 1659, &c.

The *Stones* were also an ancient family here. *Thomas Stone*, Gent. buried here, 1689, father of *William Stone*, by *Audrey* his wife, daughter of *William Cook* of *Brome-Hall*.

This *William* married *Catherine*, daughter and sole heir of *William Stanhow*, of *Bedingham*, and left *Thomas* his son and heir, who married *Lucy*, daughter of *Robert Suckling* of *Wooton*, all buried here.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and was a rectory. In the 6th year of King *Richard* I. *Benedict de Bedingham* called to warrant the advowson, *Nicholas de Stutevile*, which *Theobald Walter* claimed against him.[1] The *Stuteviles* were lords and patrons, and *Nicholas* granted the advowson to *Hubert de Burgh*, Earl of Kent, who granted it by deed, *sans* date, to the canons of *Walsingham*.

Soon after it was appropriated, and a vicarage settled; *Jeffrey* being vicar in the 33d of *Henry* III. as appears from a fine then levied.

There were anciently 2 medieties, each valued at 20 marks, one of which was called *Reymer's* mediety, and there were two churches in the churchyard; one dedicated to St. *Mary*, which was the church that *Benedict* abovementioned claimed the patronage of.

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[8] Tre. Rogeri Bigoti—In Bethingaham ten. Offa teinnu' Stigandi p. man. i car. tre. mo. ten. ide. sep. xii bor. et ii ser. sep. ii car. in d'nio. et iii car. hou'. et iii ac. p'ti. sep. ii equi in d'nio et ix por. sep. xx cap. tc. val. x sol. mo. xxx.

[9] Reg. Hurning, Norw. pt. 2. p. 55, proved in 1419.

[1] Plita 6 Ric. 1 Norf. Rot. 6.

[2] Reg. Wals. fol. 23, 132, &c.

Peter-pence, 23*d.* Carvage 16*d.*
Both the medieties were after united, and valued at 40 marks.

RECTORS AND VICARS.

Vincent de Breccles occurs rector in the 16th of *Henry* III.

Peter de Grimbald was presented to the church by the King, in the 17th of *Henry* III.

1302, *Walter de Munden* was instituted vicar, nominated by the Bishop of *Norwich*, and presented by the convent of *Walsingham*.
1303, *William de Wodeton. Ditto.*
1334, *John de Hoveden. Ditto.*
1334, *Robert de Knapton, Ditto.*
1342, *Hugh de Shouldham. Ditto.*
1346, *William de Soterley. Ditto.*
1349, *John Cook. Ditto.*
1361, *John Tirrell. Ditto.*
1388, *Simon Jenney. Ditto.*
1397, *William Weston. Ditto.*
1447, *James Harrold*, nominated by the Bishop, presented by the prior.

Christopher Gosse, vicar in 1603, returned 148 communicants; the Bishop nominated, and *John Gorling* had the presentation.

Christopher Spendlove, vicar.
William Copping, vicar, died 1666.
John Latham, vicar.
John Brown, vicar in 1679.
Thomas Cooper died in 1725, and
J. Parsons presented by *JohnHowse*, at the Bishop's nomination.

In the church on a marble stone,

Depositum Mariæ uxoris Hen. Stone gen. filiæ Hen. Mynns de Ilketeshall, Stæ. Margaretæ in com. Suff. gen. quæ obt. Dec. 16, 1675, *ætat.* 32.

On another,

Exuviæ Gul. Coping hujus ecclesiæ pastoris, qui ——— animarum suscepit curam bene moriendi artem edocuit, hinc migravit ad aureolam cælestem, 4 *Junij* 1666, *ætat.* 27.

On a brass,

Hic jacet Johs. Stanow et Alicia uxor ejus.

In the chancel is buried the heart of one of the *Brews*, and desired it (dying beyond sea) to be brought here, and a stone lies over it with a heart in brass.

On a little mural stone monument in the south isle,

Rob'tus Bruce, Armiger. unus filior. Johs. Bruce, militis. hic sepelitur, obt. 23. *Maij*, 1605, *ætat.* 60; with the arms of *Bruce*.

Thomas Tinderne, gent. of Wooton, buried here in 1691.

Topcroft Hall, which belonged to the *Brews's*, and the chapel of

St. *Ethelbert*, in *Topcroft*, belong to this parish, receive the communion, and pay their offerings here.

The town takes its name, as *Bedingham*, from a rivulet called *Beding*, in *Sussex*: thus *Bedingfeld* in *Suffolk*.

BROKE.

THE lordship of this town was in the abbey of St. *Edmund* of *Bury*, at the survey, and *Frodo* held it of the said convent, with a carucate of land. *Toli* was lord of it, and sheriff; he gave it to St. *Edmund*, (that is the abbey,) in the time of King *Edward* the Confessor and afterwards held, or farmed it by the service of finding that convent provision for 2 days: there was one carucate of land in demean, 4 acres or meadow, one runcus, and 4 socmen, with half a carucate and 5 acres, valued at 20*s*. and the soc was in the abbey.[3]

This account, which is authentic, is partly contradicted by a register of *Bury* abbey, which says that *William* the Conqueror gave it to St. *Edmund*, when he first supplicated his favour and protection, falling prostrate before him, and placing a small knife wrapped up, on the altar of St. *Edmund*, in the presence of many of his chief nobility, and also the grant signed with his seal, which the register observes, was at that time preserved in the said convent.[4]

"He grants it with all its appertenances, sac soc, and all other "customary dues, as *Grith*, (*Girth*,) the powerful Earl, held it in the "time of good King *Edward*, and as he, now King of *England*, "possessed it."

Before this grant or confirmation of the Conqueror, *Grith*, or *Guert*, was said to have held it, who was 5th son of Earl *Godwin*, and brother of King *Harold*, slain with him at the battle of *Hastings*.

In the Register of the Sacrist, the manor, we find, was appropriated to the use of the chamberlain of this abbey, as the rectory was appropriated also.

The abbot, in the 13th of King *John*, had a discharge of scutage for 52 knights fees in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, on the *Scotch* war;[5] and in the 52d of *Henry* III. he pleaded an exemption, and would not suffer the King's bailiff to enter this lordship.

In the 10th of *Edward* I. he had a grant of a weekly mercate and a fair.

In the Iter of the judges of *Norwich*, a fine was levied the day after St. *Michael*, between *William* son of *Richard de Dunston*, *Tho.*

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[3] Terra Abbatis de S'co. Edmundo— In Bro tenet idem (S'cus Edms.) i car. t're. qd tenuit Toli vicecomes et dedit S'co. Edm, T. R. E. et p'tea tenuit ab. eo p. firma' ii dieru' sep. i car. in d'nio et iiii ac. p'ti. et i runc. et iiii soc. de v ac. sep. dim. car val. xx sol. S. E. soca'.

[4] Reg. Pincebek fol. 181, pen. Epis. Norw. *ao.* 1700, nunc in Bibl. Univ. Cant. Reg. Sacr. fol. 44, &c.

[5] Rot. Pip.

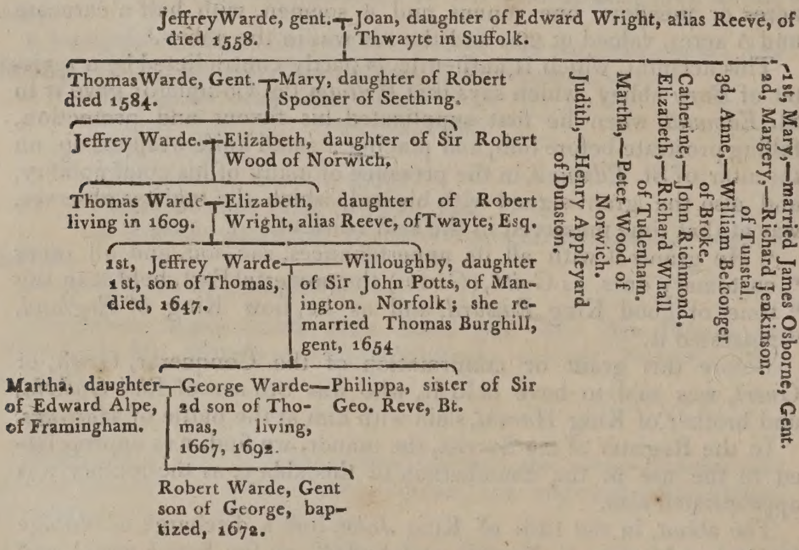
son of *John de Nareford*, *William*, son of *Richard de Gunthorp*, &c. petents, and *John*, abbot of *Bury*, tenent, whereby they release to the abbot all their right in this manor and advowson.

In the 14th of *Edward* I. and in the following year, the abbot claimed view of frank pledge, assise, free warren, and other privileges belonging that abbey.

Their temporalities were valued in 1428, at 35*l*. 14*s*. 5*d*. *ob*.

It continued in this monastery, held by one fee, till the general Dissolution, when it came to the Crown; and on *May* 27, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, was granted to *Francis Yaxley*, and *Richard* his brother; and soon after, in the said year, *Thomas Yaxley* alienated it to *Jeffrey Warde*, Gent. who died seized of it in the first of *Elizabeth*; and *Thomas* was found to be his son and heir, who had a grant in 1576, from *Robert Cook*, clarencieux, of these arms, *argent*, on a cross, *gules*, a wolf's head, erased, of the first betweent four martlets, *gules*; crest, on a mount, *vert*, an eagle displayed, *ermin*.

WARDE'S PEDIGREE,


JeffreyWarde, gent. died 1558.
Joan, daughter of Edward Wright, alias Reeve, of Thwayte in Suffolk.
ThomasWarde, Gent. died 1584.
Mary, daughter of Robert Spooner of Seething.
Jeffrey Warde.
Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Wood of Norwich.
Thomas Warde living in 1609.
Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Wright, alias Reeve, of Twayte, Esq.
1st, Jeffrey Warde 1st, son of Thomas, died, 1647.
Willoughby, daughter of Sir John Potts, of Manington. Norfolk; she remarried Thomas Burghill, gent, 1654
Martha, daughter of Edward Alpe, of Framingham.
George Warde 2d son of Thomas, living, 1667, 1692.
Philippa, sister of Sir Geo. Reve, Bt.
Robert Warde, Gent son of George, baptized, 1672.
1st, Mary,—married James Osborne, Gent.
2d, Margery,—Richard Jenkinson. of Tunstal.
3d, Anne,—William Belconger of Broke.
Catherine,—John Richmond.
Elizabeth,—Richard Whall of Tudenham.
Martha,—Peter Wood of Norwich.
Judith,—Henry Appleyard of Dunston.

Thomas Seaman, senior, Gent. was lord in 1723, and *Thomas Seaman* lord in 1740, and patron.

The tenths were 3*l*. 17*s*. 6*d*. Deducted 7*s*. 6*d*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Peter*, and the rectory was appropriated to the chamberlain of St. *Edmund's Bury*, a vicarage being settled, valued at 5 marks, the rectory at 50 marks.

To the rectory belonged a carucate of land; the vicar had a manse and 10 acres of land; but in the reign of *Edward* I. there was no land. *Peter*-pence 2*s*. carvage 18*d*.

John Grey Bishop of *Norwich* appropriated the rectory to the chamberlain, after the decease of *Hubert de Brock*, rector, saving an honourable support for the vicar, to be assigned by the Bishops of *Norwich.*

VICARS.

In 1341, *William de Bodham,* instituted vicar, presented by the abbot, &c. of *Bury.*

1349, *Jeffrey de Chilton. Ditto.*

1371, *John Yde. Ditto.*

At the Dissolution, the rectory, &c. came to the Crown, and Queen *Elizabeth,* on *July* 25, in her 6th year, granted to *Thomas Watwood,* and *Matthew Bysemere,* the great tithes, or the rectory.

John Atborne died vicar in 1581.

1581, *John Philips;* in 1603, he returned 130 communicants, and that the King was patron; on his death, in

1627, *Thomas St. Clere* succeeded.

Jos. Clerk occurs vicar in 1661.

Thomas Ewells, vicar in 1666, and died in 1668.

1728, *Francis Johnson,* by the King.

1760, *John Bates. Ditto.*

On a mural monument against the north wall of the chancel,

Ad hujus muri pedem jacet Johs. Burghill, filius Johs. Burghill, e domo Thinghill, Pa. in paroch. de Withington in comit. Hereford. Armig. obit. 1659.

On a gravestone in the chancel,

Here lyeth the body of August. Wood, gent. who departed, &c. November 6, *aged* 68, *who married Ann daughter of Anne Green, gent. and was buried in* 1671.

Jeffrey Ward, gent. was buried here in 1558.——*Thomas Ward, gent.* 1584.——*Robert Wood, Esq; in* 1654.——*Thomas Burghill, gent.* 1659.——*Robert Sugden, gent.* 1666.

This town gives name to a large deanery.

DEACONS.

Gyles occurs dean in 1256.

1318, *Robert de Biskele,* deacon, collated by the Bishop.

1332, *Thomas Buckskyn. Ditto.*

1337, Mr. *Ant. de Goldesburgh. Ditto.*

1338, Mr. *Thomas de Hilltofts, Acol. Ditto*

1338, *John de Walton.*

1339, *Thomas de Norwich.*

1341, *John Everard.*

1347, Mr. *Matt. de Rollesby.*

1347, *William Bateman.*

Richard Ravenser, dean.

1359, *Ralph de Deaventre.*

1359, *William West.*

Tho. de Barton, dean.
1375, *William Hughlot.*
1391, *Robert Skyrne.*
1406, *Richard Hore.*
1409, *Roger Dallyng.*
1436, Mr. *Simon Thornham*, LL.B.

BROME.

Robert, son of *Corbun*, had a grant of this lordship, on the deprivation of *Anant*, a thane, or *Saxon* nobleman, containing 2 carucates of land, 2 borderers, one servus, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 oxen; paunage for 20 swine, 20 acres of meadow, a mill, the moiety of a fishery, 3 cows, and 50 sheep, with 2 skeps of bees. Five freemen held under *Anant*, in commendation, 10 acres of meadow, with half a carucate among them all, valued at 40*s*. at the survey at 50*s*. it was one leuca long, and 5 furlongs broad, paid 8*d*. gelt, and *Humphrey* was enfeoffed of it, and held it of *Corbun* at the survey.

On the death of *Robert*, son of *Corbun*, it came (as I take it) as an escheat to the Crown, and was granted to *William de Albini*, by King *William* II. ancestor of the Earls of *Arundel*.

In the 16th of *Henry* II. *William de Brom* was lord, as appears from a fine. *Roger de Brome* was living in the 8th of *Richard* I. and in the 17th of King *John*, entered into covenant with *Elias Benjamin*, of this town, that *Elias* should not mortgage, or dispose of any of his lands, without the consent of *Roger*, until the time of his beginning his journey to the *Holy-land*, and then he was to deliver it to *Roger*, to keep for three years, who was to advance as much money to *Elias* for his journey, as the same should be then valued at, for that time; the land to remain to *Elias*, if he should return, or to his heirs if he died; witnesses, *John de Lodne*, *Alan de Mundham*, *Henry de Brom*, &c.

William de Brom was lord in the 25th of *Henry* III. and granted to *Roger le Sage* and *Alice* his wife, lands here in *Elingham*, and *Yerpeston*; in the 27th of that King, he was found to hold it of *Isabel*, lady dowager of *Arundel*, of *Rysing* castle, and was living in the 51st of the said King, then a knight: he and his son *Roger* were witnesses to a deed.

Sir *Roger de Brom* was lord (son of Sir *William*) in the 11th of *Edward* I. when there was a dispute between him and Sir *John Bigod*, lord of *Stockton*, and he was living in the 36th of the said King, and then settled it on *William* his son and heir, remainder to *Robert* his son.

In 1304, *Petronilla* is called late wife of Sir *Roger*; she is said to have been a daughter and coheir of *Roger de Somery*, who married *Nicholaa*, sister and coheir of *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel*.

But this is a mistake: to a deed then dated, is her seal, which is a very particular one; the two coats of her husband, (Sir *Roger*,) and her own are impaled, that of her husband covering, or being over a moiety of her own coat, and the husband's coat stands impaled on the left side, contrary to all rules since observed.

Sir *Roger's* coat is *ermin*, a chief indented, *gules*, her coat is half a plain cross, the other half being covered by that of her husband, which proves that she was not a daughter of *Somery*, who bore two lions passant, and probably she was a *Bigot* or a *Shelton*.

At this time this lordship was valued at 18*l. per ann.*

Sir *Roger* died in 1303, and was found to hold it of the honour of *Rysing* castle, and *William* was his son and heir, who dying soon after was succeeded by *Robert* his brother, who, with *Joan* his wife, was living in 1336; and in 1343, presented to the church of *Blonorton*: by *Joan* he had a son, *Roger*, who, with his father, lived in the 20th of *Edward* III.

Robert de Brome was lord in the 22d of *Richard* II. and then gave to *Henry* his son and heir, the manor of *Sunderland-Hall*, in *South Walsham*; *Henry* his son, presented to this church in 1400, and 1416

Robert Brome, Esq. who married *Margaret*, daughter and coheir of *Theobald de Thuxton*, son and heir of *Alice*, sister and coheir of Sir *Jeffrey de Fransham*, lord of *Skerning*, in *Norfolk*, was (as I take it) son of *Henry* aforesaid.

This *Robert* died in the year 1438, when *Margaret* his widow presented to the church of *Scarning*.

Robert, his son, died lord in 1455, his will being proved *January* 8, in that year, and left by *Oliva* his wife, *Richard* his son and heir, who dying *s. p.* about 1510, it descended to his two sisters; *Mary*, who married first, to *John Jenney* of *Hardwick*, by whom she had *Edward Jenney*, Esq.; her second husband was *Ralph Shelton*, Esq. son of Sir *John Shelton*; and *Edward Jenney* granted by fine to *Ralph* and *Mary* his wife, his moiety and right in this lordship, about the year 1533.

Anne, the other sister and coheir, married first, *Robert Stede*, Esq. afterwards *John Brampton*; *Thomas*, his son and heir, sold his right or moiety, also to *Ralph Shelton*, Esq. whose son *Ralph* was lord of the whole lordship, and died in 1592, his mother *Mary* dying in 1542.

This *Ralph* married *Prudence*, daughter and coheir of *Edward Calthorp*, Esq. by his deed, dated *August* 18. *ao.* 31st *Elizabeth*, he settled this manor and advowson, with a fulling-mill, on himself for life, after to his 3 daughters, *Thomasia*, wife of *Thomas Uvedale*, Gent. *Grace*, wife of *John Thurton*, Gent. and *Mary* wife of *William Cooke*, senior, of *Lynstead*, *Suffolk*, Gent. and their heirs.

Uvedale died *s. p.* and *Thomasine* remarried *Charles Crofts*, Esq.

Grace had a daughter, *Maud*, who married *Christopher Calthorp*, Esq. son of Sir *James Calthorp* of *Cockthorp*, and had a son, *James*, and a daughter, *Elizabeth*, married to *Edward Hunchet* of *Uphall* in *Braughing*, *Hertfordshire*, and *James* sells his part and right to *William Cook*, senior.

The will of *Ralph Shelton*, senior, Esq. was dated *October* 21, 1538, whereby he gave legacies to the repair of *Brome* bridge, and *Ditchingham-Dam*, and was buried in the church of *Brome*, before the image of St. *George*, at the south end of the high altar.

The will of *Ralph* his son is dated *October* 31, *ao.* 34th of *Elizabeth*, wherein he gives to *Cecily* his 2d wife, all her apparel, rings, jewels, and chain, &c. and to *Cecily Shelton*, his grandchild, at her age of 18, 60*l*.; she was daughter of his son *Edward Shelton*, who died before him.

In 1603, *Charles Crofts*, Esq. *William Cook*, Gent. and *John Thurton*, Gent. held this lordship, and had the patronage of the church.

After this, *William Cook*, Esq. son of *William Cook*, who married *Mary*, daughter and coheir of *Ralph Shelton*, was sole lord of this manor, and presented in 1645; by *Mary* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Astley* of *Melton Constable* in *Norfolk*, Esq. he was father of *William Cook*, of *Brome*, Esq. created baronet *June* 29, 1663, knight of the the shire in ——— and by *Jane* his wife, daughter and coheir of *William Steward*, Esq. of *Barton-Mills* in *Suffolk*, had 7 daughters; first, *Dorothy*, married to *John Herne* of *Ameringhale*, Gent. *s. p.*; 2d, *Jane*, died single; 3d, *Mary*, married to *Richard Freeston*, Esq. of *Mendham* in *Suffolk*; 4th, *Elizabeth*, to *Thornhaugh Gurden* of *Letton*, Esq.; 5th, *Bridget*, to ——— *Proctor*, Esq.; 6th, *Agneta*, to *Charles Bedingfeld*, Gent.; 7th, *Lettice*, to *John Gordon* of *Assington* in *Suffolk*, Gent.

Sir *William* died in *January* 1708, and before his death, sold this lordship to *John Fowle*, Esq. son of *John Fowle* of *Norwich*. barrister at law, and *Sarah* his wife, daughter of *George England* of *Yarmouth*, Esq. son of *Thomas Fowle*, of *Burnham* in *Essex*, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Matthew Ediston* of *Haveningham* in *Essex*, Gent.

John Fowle, Esq. who purchased this manor, presented to the church in 1701, and married first, *Mary*, daughter of *John Mingay*, Esq. of *Saxlingham*, and *Ranthorp-Hall* in *Tasburgh*, by whom he had *John Fowle*, Esq. and *Thomas Fowle*, LL.D. commissary to the dean and chapter of *Norwich*, and archdeacon of *Norfolk*.

John Fowle, Esq. lord, was one of the commissioners of the excise in 1726, and in 1760, and married ——— youngest daughter of Sir *Charles Turner*, Bart.

The tenths were 2*l*. 18*s*. Deducted 7*s*.

The Church is a rectory dedicated to St. *Michael*, was valued at 10 marks, in the reign of King *Edward* I. and had then 30 acres of glebe, with a manse. *Peter*-pence, 10*d*. Carvage 5*d*.

RECTORS.

In 1307, *Henry de Thorp* was instituted, presented by the King, on the minority of *William*, son and heir of *Roger de Brome*.

1332, *John*, son of Sir *Roger de Brome*, presented by the Lady *Petronilla de Brome*.

1335, *Edward de Blomvyle*, by *Robert de Brom*.

1361, *John Wadelow*, by *William de Blonvile*, and *Richard de Stonham*.

1400, *John Gerard*, by *Henry de Brom*.

1416, *William Cuppere*. *Ditto*.

1459, *Thomas Green*, by *Richard Brom*.

1475, *Thomas Jay*. *Ditto*.

Thomas Swayn, rector.

1495, *Thomas Wurlych*.

1514, *John Shylton,*
1515, *William Coots.*
1541, *Robert Randolf,* by *Ralph Shelton,* Esq. and *Ann* his wife.
1554, *John Clement,* by *Ralph Shelton,* Esq.
1556, *Robert Wood. Ditto.*
1558, *Edmund Hodgeson. Ditto.*
1558, *Thomas Bursey. Ditto.*
1561, *William Nobbes. Ditto.*
1591, *Clement Payman. Ditto.*
1594, *Timothy Carew;* he returned in 1603, 109 communicants.
1626, *Edmund Barber,* by *William Cook,* Gent. and *Mary* his wife.
1645, *William Cooke,* Esq.
1661, *Edward Yovell,* by *William Cook,* Esq.
1701, *John Baron,* by *John Fowle,* Esq. *Baron* was afterwards D.D. and dean of *Norwich.*
1717, *Samuel R. Ditto.*
1738, *John Mingay,* by *ditto,* died rector in 1760.
1760, *William Manning,* by *John Fowle,* Esq.

The present valor is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and is discharged.

In this church was the guild of St. *Michael;* and in the town was a chapel, dedicated to St. *Botolph,* and was in ruins (as appears) in 1558.

CLAXTON.

At the survey, *Godric,* the King's steward, held a lordship, granted before by the Conqueror (as it seems) to *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk,* on the expulsion of two freemen, who held it under the protection of *Aslac* and *Lefrick,* in the reign of King *Edward,* and *Ralph* was deprived of it on his rebellion against the Conqueror.

The two freemen, and 6 other freemen, of whom *Godric* had a moiety of their protection (as lord) held 16 acres of land, with half a carucate and 16 acres of meadow, and was delivered to *Godric* for a manor. One horse, and two cows belonged to it, (and at the survey 200 sheep) with 5 acres, &c. the whole was valued at 40*s.* but at the survey at 4*l.* the king and the earl had the soc and sac.

Five freemen, with the moiety of another, had also in the commendation of *Edwin,* 34 acres of land, with half a carucate and an acre of meadow, the soc of these was in the hundred.[6]

On the death of *Godric* it seems to have come as an eschaet to the

[6] Terra Godrici Dapiferi—In Clackestona. ii libi ho'es Aslac. et Lefrici com'd. et vid ho'es intr. om's xvi ac. t'r. sep. dim. car. intr. o'es. xvi ac. p'ti. et h. fuit libatu' G. p. i man. tc. i equus, mo. ii et ii an. mo. cc. ovs. tc. v porc. mo. xl tc. tot. val. xl sol. mo. iiii lib. rex. et comes soca' et soca.---In Clarestona v lib. ho'es et dim. Eduini comd xxxiiii ac. t're. sep. d. car. intr. o'es i ac. p'ti. soca in hund.

Crown, and was granted to *William de Cheney,* lord of *Horseford,* in the reign of King *Stephen,* sheriff of *Norfolk;* and King *Henry* II. gave him the manor of *Blyburgh* in *Suffolk.*

By the marriage of *Margaret* his daughter and coheir, it came to Sir *Hugh de Cressi,* and so to Sir *Rog. de Cressi,* his son, who married *Isabel,* daughter and coheir of *Hubert de Rye,* a great baron of the realm, and the family of *De Kerdeston* was enfeoffed of this lordship by them.

In the first year of King *John,* Sir *Roger de Kerdeston,* son of *William de Kerdeston,* (to whom *Hubert de Rye* had granted the manor of *Bircham Newton)* gave 30 marks to the King, for a confirmation of the lands formerly belonging to *Hubert de Rye; Hugh de Kerdeston* his brother, took part with the rebels, in rebellion against that King.

Fulco de Kerdeston was son and heir of Sir *Roger;* and in the 8th of King *John, Fulco de Baynard* claimed his wardship.[7]

By a deed, sans date, of *Andrew,* son of *Richard de Sybeton,* wherein he grants lands in *Bulecamp* in *Suffolk,* to *Sibton* abbey in the said county, Sir *Fulk de Kerdeston* held then lands in *Bulecamp.* About the said time, *Rosia de Kerdeston,* had an interest in *Claxton,* and *East Ruston,* and was probably widow of Sir *Roger.*

William de Kerdeston in the 20th of *Henry* III. had half a fee in this town, also lands in *Kerdeston,* and *Themilthorp,* by knight's service, and *Agnes,* widow of *Fulk de Kerdeston,* died in the 19th of *Edward* I. *Fulk* was living in the 43d of *Henry* III.

In the 10th of *Edward* I. *William de Kerdeston,* son Sir of *Roger de Kerdeston,* was summoned among the barons of the realm to attend the King in his expedition against the *Welsh,* and in the 15th to meet at *Gloucester, Edmund* Earl of *Cornwall,* in three weeks after the feast of St. *John* Baptist, with horse and arms to advise with *Edmund,* then custos of the realm, about the *Welsh* affairs.

In the following year the aforesaid *Will.* held 2 fees here and in *Bulchamp;* in the 27th of that King, Sir *Will.* grants to Sir *Thomas de Helgeton,* and *Alice* his wife, for life, a messuage, with certain lands and villains as part of the manor, which they had conveyed to him: he was sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk,* in the 25th and 26th of *Edward* I.

In the 33d, he, with *William de Ormesby, William Inge, John Le Breton,* and *Richard de Walsingham,* were constituted justices of trail baston in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk:* he married *Margaret,* eldest sister and coheir of *Gilbert de Graunt,* lord of *Folkingham,* in *Lincolnshire,* by whom he had *Roger* his son and heir, created Knight of the Bath with Prince *Edward* of *Carnarvon,* son of King *Edward* I. sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk,* in the 5th of *Edward* III. governor of *Norwich* castle, summoned as a baron to parliament, from the sixth, and died in the 11th, seized of *Bircham, Newton, Kerdiston, Claxton, Sedestern,* and *Hadeston* in *Norfolk; Stratford* and *Henham* in *Suffolk,* of the manor of *Gaunt* in *Siwardeley,* and *Skendelby* in *Lincolnshire,* &c. as heir to *Gilbert de Gaunt.*

In the 8th of *Edward* III. he gave to the King's, relief, (*55s. 11d. ob.)* for his 3d part of the manor of *Skendelby,* as parcel of the barony of *Folkingham,* and was buried in the abbey church of *Langley,* and his mother *Margaret* was buried in 1328, in the cathedral church of *Norwich.*

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[7] Rot. Pip.—Chartal. de Sibton penes Ducem Norf. ao. 1709.

William de Kerdeston was his son and heir, aged 30, at his father's death; in the 13th of *Edward* III. he had license to make a castle of his manor-house here; in the following year he obtained a charter for a weekly mercate, on *Monday,* and a fair on the eve of St. *John* Baptist, the day, and 3 days after; in the 15th had the King's letters to provide 10 men at arms, and to come with them to *Newcastle* upon *Tyne,* in order to invade *Scotland,* or to hinder the *Scots* from making inroads into *England.*

In the next year, Sir *William Kerdeston* had a writ dated at *Westminster December* 20, to provide 10 men at arms and 10 archers, to be transported into *Britany* in *France,* and to go with them himself, (as the King desired) but if he could not, then to come to *London,* or to send somebody of his council to treat with the King's council about their wages, &c.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. he was found to hold half a fee in this town, of *Fulco Baynard,* and by the name of Sir *William de Kerdeston,* lord of *Claxton,* was summoned to parliament, *ao.* 28, and signed a letter of proxy to *Richard Wysondesold,* to give his consent to the agreement, that should be made between the envoys of *England* and *France,* before Pope *Innocent* VI. at *Avignon,* to prevent the war, which ensued.

In the 33d of the said King he was summoned to meet at *Westminster,* on *Sunday* next after St. *Martin's* feast, to be of council to *Tho. de Woodstock* Duke of *Gloucester,* the King's son, custos of *England,* during the King's absence in *France;* and died in *October,* in the 35th of *Edw.* III. seized of the manors abovementioned in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk,* also of the manor of *Holbache* at *Rythe* in *Swaledale,* with that of *Hunmundby* in *Yorkshire,* they being part of the inheritance of the Lord *Gilbert de Gaunt.*

William was found to be his son and heir, by *Maud* his first wife, aged 36; but by another inquisition, *John,* son of *John Burghersh* and *Maud* his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir *William de Kerdeston,* and *Margaret* his 2d wife, daughter of *Edmund Bacon,* of *Gresham,* was found to be heir of Sir *William.*

Great lawsuits ensued on these inquisitions, in order to prove this *William* to be illegitimate, and to be born *ante sponsalia;* and some accounts make him to be the son of *Alice,* daughter of —— *Norwich,* his father's concubine, in *Trinity* term, *ao.* 38th *Edward* III.

There was a trial to enquire if *John Burghersh,* son of *John Burghersh,* and *Maud* his wife, daughter of Sir *William Kerdeston,* and *Margaret* his wife, or *William,* now a knight, was the heir, when the jury found Sir *William* to be born *ante sponsalia.*

But in the 43d of that King, in the return of the escheators inquisition, it appears that the King had seized on the manors of *Kerdeston, Claxton,* and *Helgeton,* which caption Sir *William* traversed in the King's Bench, alleging that Sir *William Kerdeston,* senior, by his deed, had entailed those manors, and that he was the right heir, as the jury then found, and lawfully begotten; so that the King's hands were taken off.

He was sheriff of *Norfolk* in the 49th of *Edward* III. and 5th of *Richard* II.

In the 3d of *Richard* II. he had a grant of free warren in his manor, in *Norfolk*, and *Suffolk;* and being wealthy, lent the King money and finished his manor-house, or castle, at *Claxton*, and died soon after, leaving *Cecilia* his wife, daughter of Sir —— *Brews*, of *Stinton*, who was living in the 3d of *Henry* IV. and held the manor of *East Ryston*, &c. in dower, and was buried by her husband in the church of *Repham*.

Leonard Kerdeston was lord in the 9th of *Richard* II. and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. when he was a Knight; and *Thomas* Lord *Mowbray*, as heir to the *Bigots*, held it *in capite;* Sir *Leonard* was living in the 9th of *Henry* V.

In the 3d of *Henry* VI. a fine was levied between *Thomas Chaucer*, Esq.[8] and *Maud* his wife, one of the daughters and heirs of Sir *John Burghershe*, querents, Sir *Thomas Kerdeston*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, deforcients of this manor, and many other, conveyed to *Maud*, who with her husband resettled them on Sir *Thomas* and *Elizabeth*, in tail, to be held of the heirs of *Maud*.

After this, in the 20th of the said King, *William Delapole* Earl of *Suffolk*, and *Alice* his wife, daughter and heir of *Thomas Chaucer*, Esq. and *Maud* his wife, released to Sir *Thomas Kerdeston*, all their right in this manor and advowson: this *Alice*, first married Sir *John Phelip* of *Dennington* in *Suffolk*.

Sir *Thomas Kerdeston*, by his will dated *July* 1, 1446, desires to be buried in the church of the *Austin Friars* at *Norwich*, and that the third part of the passage of *Bukenham Ferry*, in the parish of *Carleton* in *Norfolk*, which descended to him lawfully, and all the messuages, lands, &c. in *Claxton*, *Ashby*, *Helgeton*, *Carlton*, *Burgh-Apton*, *Holveston* and *Yelverton* in *Norfolk*, which he bought of *William Claxton*, &c. with the advowson of the church of *Carlton St. Peter's*, be sold forthwith after his decease, and out of the money arising, he gives to the aforesaid convent of friars 300 marks, on condition that they find three brethren for ever of the said house, to pray for his soul and the souls of *Elizabeth*[9] and *Philippa* his wives, and all his parents; he gives to the honourable Lord *Hump. Buckingham* one horse, to the high altar of the aforesaid friars, a silver cross, and two silver basons, with this inscription to be wrote round them,

Orate p. a'iab; Thome Kerdeston, Militis, et Philippe uxori sue, filie Joh. Trussel, Militis.

Also to the Lady *Philippa* his wife, one silver bason; to his daughter *Elizabeth*, a missale: appoints his wife, and *William Yelverton*, the judge, executors, and *Humphrey* Duke of *Buckingham*, supervisor; he died on *July* 20, *A°*. 25 of *Henry* VI.

In the eschaet rolls *Ao*. 29 of the aforesaid King, the jury find that Sir *Thomas* died not seized of the manors of *Bulcamp*, *Henham*, and *Stratford* in *Suffolk*, but that *William de la Pole*, late Duke of *Suffolk*, and *Alice* his wife, (as her right,) entered on and took the profits during the life of Sir *Thomas*, and that *Alice*, late wife of the said Duke, and Sir *John Howard*, were his next heirs.

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[8] Thomas Chaucer, Esq. died lord of Burghersh in Sussex, of Ewelme in Oxfordshire, ao. 13 of Henry VI. and Maud ao. 15.

[9] Elizabeth was relict of Sir Edward Burnel, and died in April, Ao. 18 Hen. VI.

And before this, in the 26th of *Henry* VI. *William James*, &c. conveyed to *William de la Pole*, Marquis of *Suffolk*, and *Alice* his wife, this manor of *Claxton*, with that of *Kerdeston*, &c. so that *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of Sir *Thomas Kerdeston*, was deprived of her inheritance.

It appears that she married Sir *Terry Robsart*, son of Sir *John Robsart*, Knt. of the Garter; and that *Edmund de la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk*, in the 12th of *Henry* VII. granted the manors of *Bircham*, *Newton*, and *Sedisterne* in *Norfolk*, to the Lady *Elizabeth Robsart*, and to her heirs by Sir *Terry*, then deceased, as may be seen at large under those townships.

In the 15th of *Edward* IV. *Alice*, late wife of *William de la Pole* Duke of *Suffolk*, died, seized of this manor, with those of *Stokingham* and *Yalmeton* in *Devonshire*, &c. of the inheritance of *Richard* Earl of *Warwick*; and in the following year Sir *Edward Hungerford*, *John Heydon*, and *Humphrey Forster*, by deed dated *November* 20, release to *John de la Pole* Duke of *Suffolk*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, (sister of King *Edward* IV.) *William Hastings*, *Robert Chamberleyn*, *James Tyrell*, *William Knyvet*, Knts. &c. to the use of the Duke and Dutchess, the lordships of *Claxton* and *Helgeton* in *Norfolk*; *Frestendon*, *Bacton* and *Creting St. Olaves* in *Suffolk*; which the said Sir *Edward*, &c. were seized of, to the use of *William*, late Duke of *Suffolk*, and the Lady *Alice* his wife, deceased.

On the attainder of *Edmund de la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk*, this lordship coming to the Crown, King *Henry* VIII. in his 2d year, granted it with *Helgeton*, valued at 33*l*. 13*s*. *per ann*. to *Thomas Howard* Earl of *Surrey*, and after Duke of *Norfolk*, and his heirs; but in the following year, the said Earl, and the Lady *Anne* his wife, with *Catherine*. Countess of *Devonshire*, (who were two of the daughters of King *Edward* IV.) conveyed to that King, their right in many manors, castles, &c. and some accounts say that the King granted this lordship, and that of *Helgeton* in consideration of this conveyance.

On the death of *Anne* Dutches of *Norfolk*, without surviving issue, this lordship was granted to *Charles Brandon* Duke of *Suffolk*, and the Lady *Anne* of *Cleves*, the King's divorced wife, as some say, had an interest herein.

On *September* 10, in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary*, *Edward* Lord *North* had letters patents to hold it *in capite*, late the possessions of *Charles* Duke of *Suffolk*; and in the said year had license to alien it to *John Throgmorton*, Esq. and his heirs, who conveyed it to *Thomas Gawdy*, Esq. and *Henry* his son, in the 8th of *Elizabeth*.

Thomas Gawdy, Esq. was afterwards a knight, and a judge of the Common Pleas, son of *John Gawdy*, Gent. of *Harleston* in *Norfolk*, by *Rose*, his second wife, daughter of *Thomas Bennet*; and *John* was the son of *Thomas Gawdy*, of the said town.

The judge resided at this manor house of *Claxton*, and was also lord of *Helgeton*,[1] *Asby*, *Carleton*, *Helveston*, *Rockland St. Peter's*, *Saxlingham*, *Surlingham*, *Bramerton*, *Catfield*, *Frenge*, *Shipdam*, *Tasborow*, *Cantley*, and *Gawdy Hall*, in *Harleston*; and died seized of them *November* 4, *Ao*. 31 of *Elizabeth*, as was found by an inquisition taken at *Loddon August* 9, following, leaving *Henry* his son and heir by *Etheldreda* his first wife, daughter and coheir of *William Knightley*, Gent. of *Norwich*, aged 36 years; his second wife was *Frances*, daughter of - - - - *Richers*, of *Kent*.

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[1] Lord also of Bond's manor in Freston, of Wolverston, and Tatingston in Suffolk, of East and West Euborn in Berkshire.

Henry Gawdy his son, was created Knt. of the Bath, on the coronation of King *James* I. and was sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk* in the 6th of the said King: he married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Robert Warner*, Esq. of *Milden-hall* in *Suffolk*.

Sir *Robert Gawdy*, his son, enjoyed it, and lived at *Claxton-Castle* in 1624; by *Winefred* his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir *Nathaniel Bacon* of *Stifkey* in *Norfolk*; he had *Henry*, his son, who married - - - - - - - - - - daughter of Sir *John Heveningham*, and died *s. p. Dorothy*, daughter and heir of Sir *Robert*, married Sir *Philip Parker* of *Arwarton*, to whom she brought a considerable estate, and Sir *Robert* settled on her the manor of *Stanfield* in *Windham* in 1631.

On the death of Sir *Robert*, without issue male, this lordship descended to *Thomas Gaudy*, Esq. son of *George Gaudy*, Esq. fourth son of Sir *Henry Gaudy*, which *Thomas* was lord in 1644, and was father of *Thomas Gaudy*, captain of the horse, in the Lord *Windsor's* regiment, and died in *Ireland*; he was the last of the *Gaudys*, that enjoyed this lordship.

Thomas Brereton was lord in 1697, and is said to have purchased it of *Thomas Gaudy*.

Roger Crow, Esq. of *Caster*, and *Norwich*, was lord, about 1720, and *John Bedingfield*, Esq. in 1740.

Roger Bigot, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, had the grant of a lordship, of which *Suetman*, a freeman who held it under *Stigand*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, in King *Edward's* reign, was deprived: with 30 acres of land, which *Robert de Vaux* holds under *Bigot*; 7 borderers belonged to this manor, and there was a carucate in demean, and the tenants ploughed with two oxen; also 5 acres of meadow, a church endowed with 30 acres, valued at 3*s.* and *Suetman* had 15 freemen, who held 30 acres, among them all there was a carucate with 2 acres of meadow; *Suetman* had also the moiety of 13 freemen with 50 acres, a carucate and 2 acres of meadow.[2]

Four freemen of *Ulchetell*, and 3 borderers, had 14 acres, and half a carucate, valued at 2*s.* and at the survey *Robert de Vaux* held this also under *Bigot*; *Clakeston* was 6 furlongs long and 5 broad, and paid 9*d. ob.* gelt.

The ancient family of *De Helgeton*, held this fee before the reign of King *John* (as may be seen at large in *Helgeton*) of the *De Vaux*, who held of the *Bigots*.

Walter de Claxton had also an interest herein, in the 20th of *Henry* III.

Sir *Thomas de Helgeton* and *Alice* his wife conveyed in the 25th of *Edward* I. the principal part of their lordship to Sir *William de*

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[2] Terra Rogeri Bigoti.——Clareston ten. Suetman lib. ho'. sub. Stigando, T. R. E. p. xxx ac. tre. Robt. de Vals. sep. vii bord. sep. i car. in d'nio. sep'. ara't ho'es cu' ii b'ob. et v ac. p'ti. i eccl'a xxx acr. val. iii sol. et in eade' xiii olim lib'. hoes. cj, xv lib. hoes Suetmen de xxx ac. sep. int. om's. i car. et ii ac. pti. In ead' de L ac. sep. i car. et ii ac. pti.

In Clarestona iiii lib. ho'es Ulketelli et iii bord. et xiiii ac. sep. dim. car. sep. val. ii sol. hoc. tenet. Rob. de Vals.—— Clakestona ht. vi quar. in longo. et ii in lato. et de gelto ixd. et obolu.

Kerdeston, and in 1326, Sir *Roger Kerdeston* possessed the whole, and so it became united to their manor before mentioned, and was conveyed from them, &c. as is there shown.

The tenths were 3*l*. 10*s*.—Deducted 20*s*.

In the 52d of *Henry* III. *Henry Atte Lyng* and *Agnes* his wife, granted lands here and in *Ashby*, to *Simon*, the abbot, &c. of *Langley*, and the temporalities of that convent here and in *Ashley* were valued at 40*s*. 9*d*. *ob*. *West Derham* temporalities at 11*s*. *ob*.

The town is wrote *Clarestona*, and *Clakestona*, both signify a town seated by a clear stream, river, or water, thus *Clare* in *Suffolk*, *Clavering* in *Essex*; *Kes*, or *Ches*, is the same as *Re*, thus *Keswick*, *Stow-Chess*, *Chesham*, &c.

The church is dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and was appropriated to the priory of *Bliburgh*, to which it was probably given by *William de Cheyney*, lord of this town in the reign of *Henry* II. valued at eleven marks, and a vicarage was appointed; the patronage of it was in the said priory, valued at 40*s*.—*Peter*-pence 12*d*. carvage 8*d*. *ob*.

VICARS.

In 1334, *John Fowas* was instituted vicar, presented by the prior and convent of *Bliburgh*: he and *Clement Torald*, vicar of *Bradfield* in *Suffolk*, conveyed to the prior of *Bliburgh*, a tenement called *Beaumont's* in *Bregg*, a hamlet to *Bliburgh*, and his successours, *A*°. 36 of *Edward* III.[2]

1362, *John Lystere*,
1364, *Rayn. de Perkin.*
1369, *Laur. de Heysham*
1376, *Sim. Bond.*
1391, *Roger Segrave.*
1396, *William Swynflet.*
1399, *Henry King.*
1408, *Thomas Byshop.*
1410, *Roger Turnour.*
John Serles, vicar.
1417, *John Ingelwode.*
1418, *William Chapman.*
1421, *Sim. Gosselyn.*
1428, *William Preston.*
1438, *John Wynton.*
1452, *John Fordon.*
1462, *Michael Gosse.*
John Hart, vicar.
1474, *John Patrik.*
1478, *Edmund Huberd*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1488, *John Felde*, by the Bishop.
1492, *John Salue*, by the prior, &c.
1493, *John Cowper.*
1495, *John Overfeld.*
1500, *Thomas Rokinson.*
1521, *Andrew Anderson.*

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[2] Chartular'. Priorat pen. Dom'. John. Playter, Bt. 1714.

1521, *William Burseye.*

1523, *Andrew Anderson.*

1529, *Robert Walkington,* abbot of *Langley,* presented by *Thomas Godsalve,* assignee of the prior and convent.

Thomas Phelips occurs vicar 1593, and *Henry Gawdy* was patron.

After this in 1603, *James Heath* held it as a curacy, and returned 72 communicants.

In the 26th of *Edward* III. *William de Kerdeston* designed settling the manor of *Startford,* in *Suffolk,* on the master and chaplains of the chantry of St. *Mary* of *Claxton,* and in the 26th of *Henry* VI. a patent was granted to settle the said manor with tenements there for the founding of a chantry, which manor was said to be held of the prior and monks of *Thetford.*[4]

The chapel of St. *John* Baptist is mentioned in 1485.

The Church has a nave with a north isle, and a chancel, and square tower.

On the north wall of the chancel, was a neat monument, but much damaged, by the fall of a ladder on it, with the arms of *Gawdy, argent,* a tortoise *vert.*

Magistratus est lex loquens,
Lex nonquam irascitur,

Monumentum Henrici Gawdy, equitis aurati, militis balnej, qui his vicecomes Norf. ter servus patriæ in parliamento, semper amator patriæ, et semper amatus, insignis natu, insignis sobole, pater Rob. et Antonij Gaudy, Georgii et Edv. Gaudy, Armig. et Annæ Dominæ Jenkinson, obijt A°. 1620, *septuagesimo tertio ætatis, memoriæ patris ejus struxit Rob. Gaudy, Miles, filius primogenitus, A°.* 1637. *Piæ memoriæ avi, parentis, et avunculorum dedicavit hanc inscriptam tabulam Tho. Gaudy, Armiger, filius Georgii Anno.* 1644—*Vivit post funera virtus.*

Here was the effigies of a man at full length of plaister work, (broke now to pieces) on an altar tomb, adjoining, and on the body of it, a man and his wife, with reading desks before them, and the arms of *Gaudy* and *Bacon,* quartered, inclosed with iron rails.

A grave-stone in the north isle,

For Jane Bushby, late wife of Nicholas Bashby, daughter of Sir Christopher Dee, Kt. she died October 25, 1607.

Adam Rouse, Gent. buried in the church 1544.

Concealed lands in this town and *Ashby* were granted to Sir *George Howard, November* 25, *Ao.* 3 *Elizabeth.*

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[4] Pat. 2. M. 10.

CARLETON.

THE principal lordship of this town was given to *Rainald,* son of *Ivo,* on the deprivation of *Alsic,* a freeman of King *Edward* the Confessor, with 30 acres of land; 7 borderers then belonged to it, with a carucate and a half, and there were 2 carucates among the tenants with 14 swine, and at the survey there were 60 sheep; and 14 freemen under the protection of *Ulsi,* were delivered to *Rainald,* to make up, or add to this manor, with 60 acres, and 2 carucates of meadow, &c. and there was a church here endowed with 80 acres of free land, valued in the whole in King *Edward's* time at 20*s.* but at the survey at 40*s.* and it was one leuca long, and 5 furlongs broad: the gelt was 8*d.*[5]

From *Rainald,* this lordship came to the Earls of *Clare* and *Gloucester,* the family of *De Vernuns* held it of them, who gave name to a lordship in this town.

Ralph de Norfolk had also an interest here, and gave name to one, and were held of the said Earls.

In the 15th year of *Henry* III. *Robert* son of *Ralph de Norfolk* was petent, and *Eborard de Vernun,* whom *Remigius,* abbot of *West Derham,* called to warrant 84 acres of land here, whereby *Robert* released to *Eborard* all his right, and in the advowson of *Carleton,* &c.

The said *Robert,* in the 52d of the aforesaid King, gave to *Roger,* abbot of *West Derham,* the moiety of a mill, and rents out of lands in this town.

Ralph Leffet was lord in 1308, and presented then, and in 1328, &c. to this church.

Henry Wythe, the abbot of *West Derham, Walter Edrich, Ralph Poule,* &c. held a quarter of a fee, late *Vernun's* of the Earl of *Gloucester,* and *Henry Wythe,* and *Walter Godchild,* held here, in *Tweyt,* and *Tasborough,* a quarter of a fee, late *Norfolk's,* of the said Earl.

In 1343, *Thomas Leffet,* presented to the church, and in 1349, *John de Carleton.*

Oliver de Wythe had an interest here, in the 24th of *Edward* III. *Wymer de Aylesham* presented in 1364, *Stephen Bastwick* in 1393, and gave name to the manor called *Bastwick's.*

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. the Earl of *March,* then a minor, was found to hold (as capital lord) a quarter of a fee called *Vernun's,* and a quarter of fee called *Norfolk's,* in this town, *Thwayt, Tasborow,* and *Ashby.*

In 1408, *Richard Bastwick* presented; in 1418, Sir *John Heveningham;* in 1430, Sir *Henry Inglos.*

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[5] Tre Ranaldi fil. Ivonis—Carlentona ten. Alsicus lib. ho'. sub Rege E. p. xxx tre. tc. vii bor. p' vi mo. iiii sep. i car. et dim. tc. ii car. ho'um. p'. i et dim. mo. i tc. xiiii por. mo. iii mo. LX ov. et xiiii lib. ho'es Ulsi comd. lib'ati ad p' faciend. hoc. man. de LX ac. tc. ii car. p' et mo. i et v ac. p'ti. et hic. est libe' t'ra. de ecclia· LXXX tc. val. XX sol. mo. XL ht. i leug. in long. et v qr. in lato. et de gelto viiid.

After this, it came to the *De la Poles;* and *John de la Pole* Duke of *Suffolk* presented as lord and patron, in 1485,

On the attainder of that family, *Charles Brandon* Duke of *Suffolk* had a grant of it from the Crown, and presented in 1523; from him it came to *Edward* Lord *North*, &c. *Gawdy, Brereton,* and *Crow,* as in *Claxton,* &c.

Roger Bigot, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk,* had at the survey, the possession of a freeman of *Suetman,* who was deprived, and held 5 acres, with a horse, kept at the manor-house, 3 cows, 90 sheep, 14 swine; the Conqueror gave him livery of these, and with *Roger's* manors in *Claxton, Ashby,* and *Helgeton,* valued always at 60*s. per ann.*

Roger had a grant also of 5 acres of land, that 2 freemen of *Algar* held here, and of 20 acres of land, that a freeman of *Godwin* held, with 2 borderers, and half a carucate valued at 20*d.*[6]

The family of *De Helgeton* held this, with their lordships in *Helgeton, Claxton,* &c. In the sixth of King *John, Roger,* son of *Gilbert,* was petent, and *Herbert de Helgeton,* tenant, of 32*s.* rent *per ann.* in this town, &c. in a fine; from the *Helgetons* it came to the *Kerdestons, Delapoles, Gaudy,* &c. as in *Claxton,* &c. *Godric,* the Conqueror's steward, held at the survey, the lands of 4 freemen of *Edwin,* who had in the Confessor's time 30 acres of land, with half a carucate and 2 acres of meadow, the soc belonged to the hundred.[7]

This lordship came afterwards to *William de Cheney,* so to the *Cressys,* and the *Kerdestons,* and from that family to the *Delapoles* &c. *Gawdys, Brereton* and *Crow,* who was lord in 1740, as may be seen at large in *Claxton.*

Ralph Lord *Bainard,* on the deprivation of a freeman of *Toret,* had 30 acres of land, 3 villains, with 2 borderers, and the tenants held a carucate, and 3 acres meadow: there were also 3 socmen with 24 acres and a carucate, valued in King *Edward's* time at 10*s.* at the survey at 20*s.*[8]

This came by an exchange. The soc was in the lord of the hundred; and *Nigell* was enfeoffed of this manor by the Lord *Bainard.*

In the time of *Henry* III. *James de Agys* held a quarter of a fee here of *William* Lord *Bardolf,* and had also a lordship in *Raveningham,* held of the said lord.

James was descended of *William de Agia,* son of Sir *William de Agia,* as appears from the register of *Langley.*[9]

It was granted to *Hugh de Gourney* probably by King *Henry* I. on the rebellion of *William* Lord *Baynard,* and by *Julian,* daughter and heiress of that family, came to *William* Lord *Bardolf,* her husband.

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[6] T're. Regeri Bigoti——In Carletuna i lib. (ejusd. Suetman) v ac. sep. i eqs. in aula et iii an. et lxxxx ovs. et xiiii porc. hoc ten. Rog. Bigot de lib'at. regis hoc totu' semp. val. lx sol.——In Karlentona ii libi ho'es de v ac. t're.—In Carlentuna i lib. ho. Goduini xx ac. et ii bor. sep. dim. car. sep val. xx*d.*

[7] Terre Godrici Dapiferi—In Karlentona iiii libi. ho'es ej'sde' Eduini xxx ac. sep. dim. car. et ii ac. p'ti soca in hund.

[8] Terre Rad. Bainardi——In Karlentona ten. i lib. ho. sub. Toret xxx ac. t're. mo. tenet Nigell. sep. iii villi. tc. bor. mo. iiii sep. intr. ho'es. i car. et iiii ac. p'ti et iiii soc de xxiiii ac. sep. i car. tc. val. x sol. mo. xx soca in hund. hoc. e. p. escangio.

[9] Reg. Lang. fol. 106, 115.—In Bibl. Uuio. Cantab.

Thomas de Ages settled it in trust, on *Richard Holworth*, parson of *Crostweyt*, in the 10th of *Edward* II. and *Thomas de Ages* or *D'ages*, was lord in the 3d of *Edward* III. held of *Thomas* Lord *Bardolf*.

In the 5th of *Henry* VI. *Thomas Beaufort* Duke of *Exeter* held, as appears by the escheat rolls, 2 fees in this town, and *Langele-Halebushes*, which the abbot of *Langley* possessed, as part of the honour of *Wirmegay*.

To this abbey *Ralph de Norfolk*, with his sons, *Elias* and *Robert*, and *Eborard de Vernun* were benefactors.

The temporalities of this house here, were valued in 1428, at 6*l.* 11*s.*; and in the 31 of *Henry* VIII. *Anthony Rous* conveyed by fine the manor of *Bastwick's*, and *Hodgedes*, or *Agys*, to *Miles Hobart*, in this town, *Langley*, &c.

Sir *Henry Hobart*, on request of Sir *Christopher Hatton*, obtained a grant on the 7th of *March*, ao. 6 of King *James* I. of lands in this town, held of the late abbot of *Langley*.

On *Thursday* after the feast of the purification of the Blessed *Virgin*, Sir *Thomas Berney* held a court here in the 10th of *Henry* VII. in right of the great chantry of *Dennington*, called *Philip's Chantry*, in *Suffolk*, founded (as I conceive) by Sir *William Phelip* Lord *Bardolf*, in right of his wife.

Lands, late *Langley abbey's*, were granted on the Dissolution to *Richard Fulmerston*, Esq. who had license to alien to *Thomas Middleton* and his heirs, the manor of *Baswick's*, in the first year of *Ed.* VI. and before this, in the 38th of *Hen.* VIII. on *June* 5, *Jn. Berney*, Esq. had a grant of all the messuages and lands in this town, called *Pedham's* and *Stayners*; also of lands in the tenure of the master and fellows of the college of *Dunyngton*.

Dereham abbey temporalities were valued at 26*s.* 8*s.* and lands, meadows, and pastures in this town, *Ashby*, *Thurlton*, &c. in the tenure of *Robert Edwards*, *Thomas Middleton*, &c. late belonging to this convent were granted to *Christopher Fenton*, and *Bernard Gilpyn*, *February* 19, *ao.* 16 *Elizabeth*.

The tenths of the town were 3*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* Deducted 17*s.* 10*d.* on account of the religious tenures, which they paid.

The church is dedicated to St. *Peter*, and being a rectory, was valued at 9 marks in the time of *Edward* I. and had a manse then with one acre of land. *Peter*-pence 10*d.* Carvage 5*d.*

RECTORS

Eborard de Vernun, rector, sans date.
Robert de Alderford, rector, about 1280.
1308, *John Leffet* instituted rector, presented by *Ralph Leffet*.
1309, *Jeffrey de Schilling*. *Ditto*.
1320, *John Reyner*, *Ditto*.
1328, *William Crykeman*. *Ditto*.
1343, *Jeffrey Leffet*, by *Thomas Leffet*.
1349, *Alan Wace*, by *John de Carlton*.
1364, *Richard Irynge* by *Wymer de Alesham*.
1393, *William Irynge*, by *Stephen Bastwyk*.

1404, *Simon Sefry*, by *Stephen Bastwyck.*
1408, *Richard Bastwyk. Ditto.*
1418, *Bald. Cretyn*, by Sir *John Hevenyngham.*
1420, *Richard Bosthe. Ditto.*
1430, *Robert Aylmer*, by Sir *Henry Inglose.*
1449,[1] *Robert Elys*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
Robert Fletcher, rector.
1485, *Robert Barker*, by *John* Duke of *Suffolk.*
1488, *John Ouston. Ditto.*
1510, *Richard Carr*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1523, *Robert Walkington*, (he was then abbot of *Langley*) by *Charles* Duke of *Suffolk.*
1537, *William Cundall. Ditto.*
1554, *John Ireland*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1561, *William Stow*, by *John Throgmorton*, Esq.
Richard Fortune, rector.
1580, *Thomas Philips*, by Sir *Thomas Gawdy.*
1599, *Robert Syday*, by *Henry Gawdy*, Esq. he returned in 1603 83 communicants.
1609, *Robert Peachy*, by Sir *Henry Gaudy.*
1662, *Joseph Morland*, by *Thomas Gawdy*, Esq.
1667, *John Salle. Ditto.*
1699, *Edward Yovell*, by *Thomas Gawdy* and *Catherine Brereton.*
1701, *Samuel Conold*, by *Cuthbert Brereton*, Gent.
1718, *Francis Brook*, by *ditto.*
1728, *John Smith*, on the death of *Peter Copping.*
1746, *Stephen de Gullion*, by *William Smith*, Gent. *hac vice.*

This rectory, with the vicarage of *Claxton*, is valued at 8*l.* and is discharged. In the church was the guild of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, and the steeple was building in 1503, and 1504.

CHATGRAVE.

RALPH BAINARD Lord *Bainard*, who came, on the invasion, with *William* Duke of *Normandy* into *England*, had a grant of this lordship on the deprivation of *Toret*, (and *Einbold* held it at the survey under *Ralph*,) containing 2 villains, 19 borderers, 4 servi, 2 carucates in demean, one and a half among the tenants, paunage for 16 swine, 12 acres of meadow, a mill, 2 runci, 4 cows, &c. there were also in *Toret's* time, 200 sheep, always valued at 40*s.* It was 9 furlongs long and 8 broad, paid 2*d.* gelt. Thirteen freemen, with the moiety of another, held in soccage, under *Toret*, 99 acres, and there were 4 carucates and a half among the tenants, with 5 acres of meadow, valued at 10*s.* which the Lord *Bainard* claimed by exchange.[2]

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[1] In 1446, Sir Thomas Kerdeston died patron, and left the patronage to be sold.

Toret is also called *Torn,* and was a thane, or nobleman, of King *Edward's.*

The family of *Edisfeld,* or *Edgefield,* was soon after the conquest enfeoffed of this lordship.

William de Edisfeld was living in the reign of *Henry* II. and *Peter* in that of *Richard* I.

Peter de Edisfeld, by *Hawise* his wife, had a daughter and heir, *Lecia,* or *Lætitia,* who marrying Sir *William de Rosceline,* was lord in her right. To this *Lecia, William,* son of ——— *de Plumstede,* granted lands for 5 marks of silver, by deed, *sans* date, (about the 40th of *Henry* III.) but if she died *s. p.* they were to go to *William,* (chaplain of *Lecia,*) his brother, and *Alice* his sister, and the longest liver of them, &c. witnesses, Sir *Rog. de Hales,* Sir *Jn. de Lodnes, Will. de Wyssenford,* &c.

William, son of *Rosceline,* was living in the 3d of King *John,* and then gave an account for the profits of half the 12th year of that King, for *Robert Fitz-Roger,* sheriff of *Norfolk,* and gave an account of an 100*l.* in the 3d of *Henry* III. to have the King's grace and favour, with the lands of his brother *Roger;* the *Roscelines* held it of the Lords *Fitz-Walter,* on the death of Sir *Thomas Rosceline,* who died *s. p.*

About the 15th of *Edward* III. it came to his 6 sisters and coheirs; *Joan,* the 4th sister and coheir, married *John* Lord *Willoughby* of *Eresby,* to whom all the other sisters conveying their rights, he was lord of this manor.

William Lord *Willoughby,* married to his 2d wife, *Joan,* daughter of *Thomas Holland* Earl of *Kent,* who died possessed of it in the 12th of *Henry* VI. then styled duchess dowager of *York,* and relict of Sir *Henry Bromflet.*

It was sold by *William* Lord *Willoughby,* in the reign of *Henry* VII. and Sir *Robert Drury* sold it by fine to Sir *Robert Southwell,* in the 19th of that King.

In 1521, *Walter Hubberd,* Esq. presented to this church; and in the 20th of King *Henry* VIII. being then a knight, son and heir of Sir *James Hobart,* settled this lordship and advowson of the church, with the manors of *Oulton, Horninger, Backton, Rushes, Jenney's,* and *Gissingham, Capel,* &c. in *Suffolk,* on *Henry Hobart,* Esq. his son and heir, which *Henry* was lord in 1550, and presented to this church.

James Hobart, Esq. son and heir of *Henry,* presented in 1581, and Sir *Henry Hobart* in 1611.

Anthony Hobart, Esq. conveyed it in 1634, in fee, to *James* his son and heir, who sold it in the 12th of *Charles* I. to *Henry Humberston,* Gent. son of *William Humberstone* by *Joan,* daughter of *John Smith* of *Lanham* in *Suffolk,* son of *John Humberstone* of *Lodne.*

The said *Henry* married first, *Anne,* daughter of *Gyles Bladwell* of *Thirlow Magna* in *Suffolk*; and secondly, *Mary,* daughter, of *Henry*

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[2] T're Rad. Bainardi———In Scatagrava tenuit Toret ii car. t're. mo. ten. Einbold. p. i man. sep. ii vill. et xviiii bor. et iiii ser. sep. ii car. in d'nio. et i car. et dim. ho'u silv. xvi por. et xii ac. p'ti. et i mol. tc. ii r. tc. iiii an. mo. iii tc. vii por. tc. cc ovs. mo. clx sep. val. xl sol. et ht. ix qr. in long. viii in lato et de gelto. iid. et xiii soc. libi. ho'es. et dim. Toret lxxxxix ac. sep. iiii car. t're. et dim. int. ho'es. et v ac. pti. et val. x sol. et hoes. reclamat p. escangio.

Yaxley of *Beauthorp*, and by his first wife, had *William Humberstone*, Esq. of *Hales Hall* in *Lodne*, who married *Mildred*, daughter of *Charles Waldgrave*, Esq. of *Staningfeld*; he sold this estate.

Sir *Nevill Catlyn* was lord in 1670, and presented to this church, as did Lady *Mary Catlyne*, in 1702.

In 1742, Sir *Charles Turner* was lord and patron.

Ralph Lord *Bainard* had also a gant of another lordship in this town, of which *Leuric*, a freeman, who held it under the commendation of *Herold*, in the Confessor's time, was deprived.

It was held by *Jeffrey* under the Lord *Baynard*, at the grand survey, with 2 carucates of land, 4 villains, 6 borderers, one servus, &c. 2 carucates in demean, &c. among the tenants, &c. 12 acres of meadow, a mill, 2 cows, &c. with a church endowed with 50 acres, and one of meadow, valued at 12 oras; 6 socmen, and a moiety of one, had 23 acres; and there was a freeman under *Lefric's* protection, with 17 socmen and a moiety, with one carucate, &c. and half a carucate, and half an acre of meadow, valued at 30*s.* at the survey at 40*s.*[3] This came by an exchange.

Robert, son of *Corbun*, claimed this land, and had livery, but *Bainard* was first seized of it, and *Robert* afterwards; but the hundred knew not by what means. The soc belonged to the hundred.

Jeffrey, who held this lordship at the survey, was a near relation to *Ralph* Lord *Bainard*.

Juga, widow of *Ralph*, held it in *capite*, and was foundress of the famous priory of *Dunmow* in *Essex*.

Her son, *Jeffrey*, succeeded, and *William* his son and heir, taking part with *Elias* Earl of *Maine* in *France*, and other conspirators against King *Henry* I. was deprived of his barony of *Bainard* castle in *London*, which was granted to *Robert*, a younger son of *Richard Fitz Gilbert*, whose son, *Walter Fitz Robert*, married *Maud*, eldest daughter and coheir of Sir *Richard de Lucy*, chief justice of *England*, and was father of *Robert Fitz-Walter*; lord of *Bainard's* castle, of whom this lordship was held, by a younger branch of the *Bainards*, descended from *Jeffrey* abovementioned.

Thomas, son of *Robert Bainard*, held it of *Walter Fitz-Robert*, in the reign of *Richard*.

In the 52d of *Henry* III. Sir *Robert Baynard*, *Cassandra* his wife, and *Robert* his son, confirmed lands granted to the abbey of *Langley*.

Sir *Robert Baynard* was living in the 13th of *Edward* I. and in the 31st of that King, *Robert Baynard* and *Felicia* his wife, were querents in a fine, *Robert de Bosevill* deforcient, of 90 messuages, 2 mills, 400 acres of land, 8 of meadow, 24 of wood, 6 of marsh, 10 of alder, who as a trustee, settled them on *Robert* and *Felicia* in tail. In the following year a fine was levied between *Joan*, widow of *Robert Baynard*, and *Robert Baynard* and *Maud* his wife.

In the 4th year of *Edward* III. it was found that *Robert Baynard*, here, in *Whetacre*, &c. had 4 fees of the barony of *Baynard*, with *Maud* his wife, that the capital messuage here, after repairs, was nothing worth.

There were 120 acres of arable land, valued at 60*s.* *per ann.* 4 acres of meadow at 4*s.* a watermill at 6*s.* 8*d.* and a windmill at 10*s.* rents of assise, 4*s.* at *Easter* and St. *Michaelmas;* copyholders works, 29*s.* 4*d.* and that *Thomas* was his son and heir, aged 26, who in the 10th of the said King, sold by fine to Sir *Thomas Roscelyn* this lordship, &c. part of which *Maud,* widow of Sir *Robert Baynard,* held for life; but in the 46th of said King *Edward,* Sir *Edmund de Thorp* and *Joan* his wife, sister and heir of *Thomas Barnard,* brought their action against *John* Lord *Willoughby,* for the aforesaid manor, sold by her brother, as being intailed, but to no effect, so that it remained in the family of *Willoughby,* and being united to their manor beforementioned, passed with that, as may be there seen.

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[3] T're. Rad. Bainardi——In Scatagrava ten. Leuric. lib. ho. Heroldi comd. mo. Gaosfrid. p. man. ii car. tre. sep. iiii villi. et vi bor. tc. i ser. mo. null. tc. ii car. in d'nio. p. dim. mo. i tc. ii car. hou' p. et mo. i et dim.

Also a family that assumed their name from this town, had an interest herein; *Agnes* daughter of *Philip de Shategrave,* held one fee with *Robert* or *Ralph Bainard,* of *Walter Fitz Robert,* in the reign of King *Richard* I. and *Robert de Chategrave* and *Emme* his wife were living in the 6th of *Edward* I.

William Gerburgh, sen. in the 52d of *Henry* III. purchased of *Agnes de Bugeham,* by fine, a messuage, and 60 acres of land, 6 of marsh, and 40*s.* rent here, in *Langley,* and *Lodne;* and *William* his son, and *Sibill,* his wife, were living in the 16th of *Edward* I. and in the 23d of that King conveyed lands in this town, &c. to *Robert,* son of *Robert Baynard* and *Felicia* his wife.

The tenths were 2*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.*—Deducted 16*s.*

The temporalities of St. *Bennet* of *Holm* 4*s.* 2*d.*

PRIOR OF BUTTLEY'S MANOR.

In the 20th of *Henry* III. *William de Aubervile* granted by fine to *Adam,* prior of *Buttele,* the 3d part of the advowson of this church, and of *Somerton,* and *Upton* in *Norfolk;* of *Wantesden, Capele, Benhale, Baudsey,* and *Finburgh,* with the moiety of the church of *Glemham Parva,* and 3 parts of 2 carucates of land in *Somerton,* and 2 in *Buttele.*[4]

The Lady *Cassandra Baynard* gave by fine to *Walter,* prior of *Buttley* St. *Mary* in *Suffolk,* a messuage, with 12 acres of land, and the advowson of this church, in the 56th of *Henry* III.

Sir *Walter Hobart* died lord of this, with *Lilleford's* lands or manor, *Baynard's,* &c. as lord of the whole town.

The abbot of *Langley* had lands here: *Robert de Raveningham* conveyed by fine, to *William,* abbot of *Langley,* in the 6th of *Ed.* I. lands here, and *Robert Baynard,* in the 10th of that King, bought lands in this town, &c. of *Robert,* son of *Thomas de Raveningham,* and *Robert Baynard* in the 12th of *Edward* II. gave to that abbey 100 acres of land, with 5*s.* rent in *Chatgrave.*

Sir *Walter Hobart* died possessed of it, of which family see in *Hales,* and after them Sir *Nevil Catlyn.*

The CHURCH was a rectory dedicated to *All-Saints,* and being granted by the Lady *Cassandra Bainard* to the priory of *Buttley* was appropriated thereto; and in the reign of *Edward* I. the prior had a manse and a carucate of land; it was valued at 10 marks, and there was a vicarage valued at 40*s.* *Peter*-pence 10*d.* carvage 7*d.* the prior of *Norwich* had a portion of tithe both great and small, being out of two parts of the demeans of *Robert,* son of *Thomas Bainard,* and of the demeans of *Phil. de Chategrave,* confirmed by *John de Grey,* and *Thomas de Blomvile* Bishops of *Norwich,* valued at two marks;[5] and by a composition after made, it was let to the prior of *Buttley* at 6 marks *per ann.* and belonged to the *Almoner,* the vicar also had a pension of 40*s. per ann.* paid by the prior of *Buttley.*

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[4] Cart. Priorat. de Butley.

VICARS.

1304, *Robert Rykinghale,* instituted vicar, presented by the prior of *Buttley*

1326, *Thomas de Totyngton. Ditto.*
1341, *Matt. de Readham. Ditto.*
1350, *Richard de Dysse. Ditto.*
1352, *Edward Torald. Ditto.*
Robert Hert, vicar.
1359, *William Coupere. Ditto.*
John Selestre, vicar.
1401, *Richard Talyour. Ditto.*
1409, *William Gerald. Ditto.*
1410, *John Clere.*

On *June* 22, 1420, *John* Bishop of *Norwich,* on account of the poverty of this vicarage dissolved it, with the appropriation, and it became a rectory in the patronage of the prior of *Buttley,* and paid to a whole tenth of the King 13*s.* 4*d.* and for *Norwich* portion 3*s.* 4*d.*

RECTORS.

John Chykering, rector.
1422, *John Stercroft,* by the prior.
1453, *David Henchenesson,* by the Bishop, a lapse.
1455, *John Reydon,* a canon Premonst. by the Bishop.
1465, *Robert Bury*
1479, *Thomas Twylyt,* by *James Hobert,* Gent.
1513, *John,* abbot of *Langley,* by the Bishop's, vicar-general.
1521, *William Tant,* by *William Hubberd,* Esq.
1530, *Nicholas Hert. Ditto.*
1533, *John Peyntour. Ditto.*
1550, *William Colling,* by *Henry Hubberd* of *Lodne,* Esq.
1558, *Thomas Lupton. Ditto.*
1581, *Henry Westcoe,* by *James Hubbard,* Esq.
1611, *William Read,* by Sir *Henry Hubbard,* Esq.
1641, *Silvester Child.*
1670, *William Fuller,* by Sir *Nevill, Catlyn.*
1702, *John Baron,* by the Lady *Mary Catlyne,* widow.

Abraham Baker, resigned in 1718, and *Samuel Conold,* by Sir *Charles Turner.*

John Fayerham, in 1759, by Sir *William Beauchamp Proctor,* Bart.

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[5] Reg. Eccles. Cath. Norw. fol. 37, 81, 262.

In the chancel, a gravestone,

In memory of Silvester Child, rector of Chetgrave, who died January 12, 1669.

Also,

Hic deponitur Jana, pia et charissima conjux Henrici Webster de Chedgrave, in comit. Norff. Generosi, quæ fato cessit Janu. 21, 1694.

The steeple stands at the north-east end of the chancel, and there is one bell.

The town takes its name form *Chat*, or *Ket*, the name of a river, thus *Chatesworth* in *Derbyshire*; *Chatteress* in *Cambridgeshire*, &c.

DITCHINGHAM.

William de Noiers was steward of this lordship for the Conqueror, at the survey; it was a beruite to *Stigand*, the Archbishop's manor of *Ersham*, in the time of the Confessor, and he was deprived of it.

Stigand had 3 carucates of land, 9 villains, 5 borderers, 4 servi, 2 carucates in demean, 4 among the tenants, &c. with 64 acres of meadow, 2 mills, &c. 64 sheep, 55 goats: there were 22 socmen, with a carucate and half, and 8 carucates among them all, with 9 acres of meadow; a mill, valued in *Ersham*; it was one leuca long, and 4 furlongs, and 9 furlongs broad, and paid 8*d.* *gelt*.[6]

In the Crown it remained till King *Stephen* granted it (as it seems) to *Hugh Bigot*, on his being created Earl of *Norfolk*.

On the death of *Roger Bigot*, the last Earl of this family, in 1305, it came by his grant to the Crown, and so remained till King *Ed.* II. granted it to his half brother, *Thomas de Brotherton* Earl of *Norfolk*, who leaving two daughters and coheirs, *Alice* and *Margaret*, *Alice* brought it by marriage to Sir *Edmund de Montacute*, from whom it came to her sister, *Margaret* Countess, and after Dutchess of *Norfolk*; whose daughter and heiress, *Elizabeth*, marrried *John* Lord *Mowbray*, whose son *Thomas*, created Duke of *Norfolk*, possessed it.

By the female heiresses of the *Mowbray's*, *Isabel*, married to Sir *James Berkley*, and *Margaret*, to Sir *Robert Howard*, their inheritance came into those families, and this lordship went by the said *Margaret* to Sir *John Howard*, her son, who was created Duke of *Norfolk*, by King *Richard* III. and in this family it continues; *Edward Howard* Duke of *Norfolk* being the present lord.

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[6] Tre' Stiandj Epi. quas custodit W. de Noiers in manu Regis—Ditchingha'. i beruita in Ersa' de iii car. tre' qua' Stigand ten. T. R. E. tc. ix vill. p'. et mo. viii tc. v bord. p' et mo. iiii tc. iiii ser. et mo. ii tc' ii car. in d'nio. p'. et mo. ii semp. iiii car. hom'. silv. c. porc. et Lxiiii ac. p'ti. tc. ii mol. p' et mo. i sep. xLviii porc. et Lxiiii ovs. et Lv cap. et xxii soc. st. ibi de i car. tre. et dim. sep. int. o'es viii car. silva iiii por. et ix ac. p'ti. et i mol. app'tiatu' est in Hersa'. et ht. i leug. et iiii qr. in longa. ix in. lato, et viiid. de gelto.

PIRNHOW.

Roger Bigot, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, had a grant of this lordship, and *Godwin* held it of him at the survey; *Algar*, a freeman, being deprived of it on the conquest, who held it under *Stigand*, the Archbishop, in the reign of King *Edward*, with half a carucate of land, 6 borderers, half a carucate in demean, and half a one among the tenants, a mill, 2 saddle horses, and 5 cows, with 60 sheep; there was a socman with 4 acres of land, valued at 10*s*. and at the survey at 20*s*. it was 8 furlongs long, 3 broad, and paid 8*d*. gelt; the soc was in the lordship of *Ersham*.[7]

The town of *Pirnho* has been demolished time immemorial, the lands belonging to it lie now in *Ditchingham*, and *Pirnhow-Hall* is therein.

William de Pirrow held it under *Bigot* in the reign of *Henry* I. he was a person of great account at court, and witness to a charter of that King (to the abbey of *Ramsey*) with *Gilbert Fitz Richard* and *Walter*, son of *Richard*.

In the 26th of *Henry* II. a fine was levied before *Geffrey Ridel* Bishop of *Ely*, *John* Bishop of *Norwich*, *William Basset*, *Roger*, son of *Reinfr. Robert Mansel*, &c. the King's justices, at *Westminster*, on the feast of St. *Pancrase*, between *William de Pirnhou*, and *William de Brom*, about a water-course in that town, whereby it was agreed that *William de Pirnhow*, and *William de Brom*, should destroy their two mills, and erect one, on the said water-course belonging to both their fees, (*viz*. of *Pirnhow*, and of *Brome*,) and each to have an equal right or moiety in the new one.

William de Pirnho, in the 24th of *Henry* III. released to *Roger* Earl of *Norfolk*, by fine, his right of fishery, from the mill of *Cliff*, and the bridge af *Bungey*, and the Earl granted to him a fishery, from *Bungey Bridge*, to the *Earl's Vineyard*.

Reginald de Pirnho, by deed *sans date*, confirmed to God and the monks of *Sibeton* in *Suffolk*, all the land which *Robert Aldred* gave them in *Stickingland*, in *Suffolk*:—witnesses, *Norman de Pesal*, *Walter* and *William Maleth*, *Robert de Pirho*, &c.; this *Reginald* was brother of *William*.

In the 35th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied about the custody of a carucate of land in *Barsham*, *Norfolk*, held of *Edmund de Soterley*, wherein it appears that *Roger Bigod* had the custody of the body of *Sara*, a minor, daughter of *William de Pirnho* deceased.

This *Sara* married *James de Creke*, and in the 41st of that King, they had the manor of *Yoxford* in *Suffolk*, conveyed to them by fine, from *Jeff. le Neve*, and *Catherine* his wife, it being the inheritance of *William de Pirnho*, her father.

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[7] Tre Rogeri Bigoti——Pirenhou ten. Algar lib. ho. sub Stigando, T.R.E. p. dim. car. tre. hoc tenet Goduin. sep. vi bord. tc. dim. car. in d'nio mo. ii et dim. car. ho'um. mo. i mol. mo. ii eq. in aula et v an. mo. LX ov. et i soc. de iiii ac. tc. val. x sol. mo. xx ht. viii qr. in longo. et iii in lato et viiid de gelto. soca in Hersa.

Alice, daughter of *William de Pirnhow*, released in the 14th of *Edward* I. to *John de Creke*, son of *James*, her right in 40 acres of land, 30 of meadow, 20 of wood, 30*s*. rent here and in *Ditchingham*, with messuages and lands in *Yoxford*, *Burgh*, and *Grundesburgh* in *Suffolk*.

In the aforesaid year, *Joan*, late wife of *John de Creke*, sued *James de Creke*, for her dower; and in the 16th of the said King, *William*, son and heir of *Sara de Pernhow*, granted to *Robert de Swillington*, son of *Helewise de Pernhow*, and his heirs, the manor of *Pirnhow*.

The family of *De Swillington* take their name from a town in the *West Riding* of *Yorkshire*, of which they were lords, and descend from *Hugh de Swynlington*, father of *Robert*, whose son *Hugh* confirmed to God, and the church of St. *John* of *Pomfret* in *Yorkshire*, and the monks serving God there, the rent of 5*s*. *per ann*. which *Robert*, son of *Hugh* formerly gave them, as appears from a pleading at *York*, before *Silvester* Bishop of *Carlisle*, one of the King's justices, in the 35th of *Henry* III.

Of this family was *Eva de Swillington*, who in the 11th year of King *Henry* III. gave to *John*, the abbot of *Fountains*, 5 bovates, 5 acres, and 2 roods of land, in *Stainburn*, and *William de Swynlington* who held lands in *Burle*, in *Yorkshire*, of *William de Byron*, and died in 1224.

Hugh de Swindlington was living in the 35th of *Henry* III. and in the 11th of *Edward* I. when being a knight, had a grant of free warren in his lordships of *Swindlington*, *Rodes*, *Burle*, *Whitby*, *Thorp Extra Welle*, and *Newsome* in the aforesaid county. This *Hugh* was probably the father of *Robert*, by *Helewisia de Perhow*, to whom *William*, son and heir of *Sara de Perho*, granted the lordship of *Perho*; and in the 18th of *Edward* I. the said *William* granted by fine two parts of the lordships of *Jokesford*, *Middleton*, and *Burgh* in *Suffolk*, and the reversion of the third part, which *Joan*, late wife of *John de Creke* held in dower of the inheritance of *William*, *Robert* paying to him 10*l*. *per ann*. for his life,

In the 33d of the said King, *William de Swylington* gave to *Adam de Swylington* and *Joan* his wife, the part 3d of the lordship of *Kynewardeby* in *Lincolnshire*.

Sir *Adam de Swylington* was in the expedition into *Scotland*, in the 34th year, and in the following year was arrested by the constable of *Dover* castle, for going beyond sea to the tournaments, contrary to the King's prohibition, and being brought to the Exchequer before the treasurer and barons, was committed to the *Tower*.

In the 5th of *Edward* II. he and *Joan* his wife, convey to *William de Swillington*, and *Hugh Trusbut*, by fine, his part of *Kinewardeby*, and *Ouseby* manors, which *Robert de Rason*, and *Annora* his wife held in dower.

In the 16th of that King, he and *William de Scargill*, were commissioners of array, to raise and conduct the men of the wapontake of *Ansty* in *Yorkshire*, against the *Scots*: and before this, as heir to *William* his brother, in the 10th of the said reign, gave to *William Charles*, all his right of presentation of the church of *Tweyt* in

Norfolk, and was summoned to parliament as a baron from the 21st of *Edward* II. to the 2d of *Edward* III.

His elder brother, *William,* was lord of this town, also of *Yoxford, Midleton,* and *Helmingham* in *Suffolk,* in the 35th of *Edward* I. and in the 4th of *Edward* II. had a grant of free warren in this town, *Yoxford,* &c. and in *Rodes, Burley, Witley,* and *Shelf* in *Yorkshire,* as *Adam* his brother had in *Swillington, Thorp Pirho,* and *Thorp* on the Mount: in the 3d of the said King, *William* died *s. p. Margaret* his widow remarried *Roger de Pilkington.*

Sir *Adam* had by *Joan* his wife, two sons, Sir *Adam,* and Sir *Robert,* who died *s. p.*

Sir *Adam,* son of Sir *Adam,* released the manor of *Thorp on the hill,* by *Rothwell* in *Yorkshire,* to *Thomas Fenton,* and *Isolda* his wife, in the 22d of *Edward* II. This *Adam* was father of Sir *Robert de Swyllington,* jun. so called to distinguish him from his uncle Sir *Robert:* in the 44th of *Edward* III. he released to his uncle Sir *Robert* and his heirs, the manor of *Pirnow;* Sir *Robert,* jun. left a son *Thomas,* who had a daughter and heir, *Elizabeth,* married to *Robert Sampson,* Esq.

Sir *Robert Swillington,* senior, in the 45th of *Edward* III. gave to *John de Nevile* 40 marks for the manor of *Bliburgh* in *Suffolk,* and in the following year had a grant of the lordships of *Pirnow,* with those of *Yoxford, Middleton,* &c. from his nephew, who was to hold them for life.

In the 49th of that King, he received of *William Pamplyon* of *London,* 106*l.* in part of the profits of his lands in *Nottingham* and *Derbyshire;* in the following year a grant of *Westhale* manor in *Suffolk,* from *P——— de Naborn,* and of that of *Winepol* in *Cambridgeshire,* from the feoffees of *Warine de Bassingbourn.* He held, in the 2d of *Richard* II. the 3d part of the manor of *Prestwold* in *Leicestershire.*

In the next year, Sir *Ralph Cromwell* of *Tattleshall* in *Lincolnshire,* released to him and his wife, all his claim, on the death of *Thomasine,* one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Roger de Belers,* of *Kirkby-Belers* in *Leicestershire.*

In the 9th of the said King, he and his wife paid 10*l.* relief for the lordship of *Boney,* in *Nottinghamshire;* he was also lord of *Sporle* and *Dunham Parva* in *Norfolk.*

At this time Sir *William Swillington* was living, who accompanied *John* Duke of *Lancaster* into *Spain,* son of *Adam de Swillington,* and brother of Sir *Robert:* he was of *Driffield* in *Yorkshire,* and married *Margaret,* daughter and heir of *John Dringe.*

Sir *Rob.* senior, or the uncle, died on *Wednesday* after the translation of St. *Thomas* the Martyr, in the 15th of *Richard* II. and was buried in the priory of *Kirkby* super *Wrethesk*[8] in *Leicestershire,* makes his executors, *Margaret,* (his wife) daughter and coheir of Sir *Roger Belers,* (by *Margaret,* daughter of Sir *Richard de la River,*) and to *Joan,* wife of his son *Roger,* he gives the marriage and wardship of *Margaret Fretchevile;*[9] and to *Thomas Hopton,* his natural son, 20*l.* and before his death gave lands in *Bliburgh* to the friars-preachers.

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[8] In an inquisition taken by Baldwin Rugg, escheator of Leicesterehire, Kirkby Belers is so called.

[9] Reg. Rous in Cur. Prerog. Lond. fol. 60.

Margaret his widow married Sir *John Eynesford,* sheriff of *Leicestershire,* in the 21st of *Richard* II. and in the 17th of that King, they held the manor of *Criche* in *Derbyshire,* in *capite.*

Her will is dated *Feb.* 19, in the 5th of *Henry* V. and was buried in the priory church of *Kirkby Belers* in *Leicestershire,* under the stone designed by her: gives to *Roger* her son, and *Robert* his brother, several things, and to *Margaret* their sister 10 marks, and it was proved *July* 2, 1418.[1]

Sir *Robert's* seal was *argent,* a chevron, *azure,* in chief, a file of three points, *ermin.*

Roger de Swillington, son and heir of Sir *Robert,* senior, and *Margaret* his wife, was aged 2 years at his father's death, in 1491, and had livery of a large estate; was a knight, and married first, *Joan,* daughter of Sir *Robert Nevil* of *Hornby* castle, in *Lancashire;* his 2d wife was *Joan,* daughter of *Stephen Scroop,* Esq. and had issue by both.

His will is dated on the morrow of St. *Catharine, ao.* 5th of *Henry* V. and deviseth to *Joan* his wife, 100*l.* to *John* his son, 10*l.* to *Margery Gra* his daughter, a gold cup; to *Joan,* wife of his son *John,* 100*l.* to the friars-preachers of *Ludgate,* 40*l.* to keep the anniversaries of himself, his 2 wives, and of his father, *Robert;* and to the 2 nuns (sisters of *Thomas de Swillington)* 13*s.* 4*d.* each, and appoints *Thomas Hopton* and *Joan* his wife, executors; proved *August* 12, 1417, in the said reign.

By his 2d wife, he had a son, Sir *Robert Swillington,* who married *Margaret,* daughter of ——— *Allesford,* and died before his father, without issue.

Sir *John Swillington* was son and heir of Sir *Roger,* by his first wife; besides the many lordships abovementioned, he was lord of *Wydmerpole, Gonaldston, Standford* and *Normanton,* in *Nottinghamshire;* also of *Burston,* in *Norfolk,* of the grant of *John Carbonell,* Esq.; he survived his father but one year, dying in the 6th of *Henry* V. without issue; so that his great inheritance, with this lordship of *Ditchingham,* held of the *Mowbrays,* Dukes of *Norfolk,* descended to his sister and heir, *Margaret,* married to Sir *John Gra,* of *South Ingleby* in *Lincolnshire,* and died without issue in the 8th year of King *Henry* V.

On the death of *Margaret* Lady *Gra, Elizabeth,* wife of *Robert Sampson,* of *Playford* in *Suffolk,* Esq. was found to be next heir, (as daughter of *Thomas,* son of *Robert,* son of *Adam de Swillington,)* and they had livery.

In the 6th of *Henry* VI. died *Joan* Lady *Swillington,* daughter and heir of ——— *Scroop,* 2d wife of Sir *Roger,* possessed of her thirds in many lordships, leaving *Isabel,* wife of *Robert Coyners* of *Stockborn, Elizabeth,* wife of *Roger Aske,* and *Margaret,* wife of *William Edlyngton,* her daughters and coheirs, by her husband, *William de Port.*

At this time there seems to have been a contest about the inheritance of *Swillington.*

In the 6th of *Henry* VI. *Robert Sampson,* and *Elizabeth* his wife, released all their right in the manors of *Ditchingham* and *Elingham,* in *Norfolk; Bliburgh, Westleton, Lenvale's, Rysing's, Cleydon, Thoreton,*

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[1] Reg. Marsh. in Cur. Prerog. fol. 124.

Wenhaston, Westhale, Yoxford, Muriel's, and all the lands late Sir *Robert Swillington's,* to *John Hopton,* Esq. and his heirs.

This *John* was son of *Thomas Hopton,* natural son of Sir *Robert Swillington,* to whom he left, at his death 20*l.* and by some settlement, no doubt, laid claim to this estate.

Thomas Hopton the father died before *Margaret* Lady *Gra,* and an entail on him and his heirs, was made (as is said) by Sir *Rog. de Swillington,* father of *John.* King *Henry* VI. in his 8th year, by virtue of this entail, commands the sheriff of *Norfolk* to deliver seisin to *John Hopton,* Esq. taking security for his relief: he was son of *Thomas,* by *Joan* his wife.[2]

In the 11th of the said King, *John Hopton* was found to hold of the Duke of *Norfolk,* (heirs to the *Bigots*) half a fee in this town. Sir *John Gra* released to him in the 18th of the said reign, *Swillington Old,* and *New-hall,* the manors of *Preston, Cutworth* and *Rode,* in *Yorkshire,* with others in *Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire,* and *Derbyshire,* with all his right and claim; and in the 18th year, *Bartholomew Whitfeld,* and *Elizabeth* his wife, released all their right &c.; she was the relict of *Robert Sampson,* and now the wife of *Whitfeld.*

John Hopton died seized of the aforesaid manors in the 8th of *Edward* IV. and *William Hopton,* Esq. was found to be his son and heir.

John occurs frequently in writings by the names of *John Swillington,* alias *Hopton,* of *Wood* in *Suffolk;* he married first, *Thomasine,* daughter of *John Barrington;* she died *s. p.*

By *Margaret* his 2d wife, daughter of *Thomas Savile* of ——— in *Yorkshire,* he had *William* his son, who was a great courtier, treasurer of the house, and of the privy council to King *Edward* IV. a knight, sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk* in the reign of *Richard* III.; he married *Margaret,* daughter of Sir *Roger Wentworth,* of *Nettlestead* in *Suffolk,* and died in the said reign.

Sir *George Hopton,* of *Westwood,* was his son and heir, created a knight banneret at the battle of *Stoke,* in the 2d year of King *Henry* VII. he died *July* 6, in the 5th of *Henry* VII. by *Thomasine* his wife, daughter of ——— *Southhill,* of *Yorkshire,* he had *William,* his eldest son, who died before him, in the said year; and *Arthur,* who succeeded his father. Sir *George* bore the arms of *Swillington.*

By an inquisition taken at *Woodbridge, November* 1, in the 6th year of *Henry* VIII. *Arthur* was found to be son and heir of Sir *George:* he was of *Westwood,* and married *Anne,* daughter of Sir *David Owen,* of *Cowdry* in *Sussex,* natural son of *Owen Tudor,* who married *Catherine,* Queen dowager of *Henry* V. and was father of Sir *Owen Hopton,* who was lieutenant of the *Tower* of *London.*

The *Hoptons* sold by fine the lordship of *Swillington* in *Yorkshire,* to *Edward North,* Esq. in the 32d of *Henry* VIII.

About this time, most likely, this manor of *Ditchingham,* and *Pirnow-hall,* were alienated.

Thomas Gawdy, serjeant at law, died seized of this lordship, on *August* 4, in the 4th of *Philip* and *Mary;* and in the said year, *Thomas* his son, had livery of it.

Anthony Gawdy had a *præcipe* in the 14th of *Elizabeth,* to deliver it to *Thomas Gawdy*, as *William Sutton* had in the 38th of that Queen, to deliver it *Francis Gaudy*.

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[2] Claus. Rot. ao. 8 Hen. VI.

After this, *Robert Brent* of *Ditchingham* is said to sell it to the *Calvers* of this town.

Gregory Calver was lord in 1627, and father of *Richard Calver*, born in that year, whose son *Richard* sold it to *Philip Bedingfield* of *Ditchingham*.

Robert Davy, Esq. counsellor at law, recorder of *Norwich*, died lord, and *s. p.* in 1703, descended from an ancient family in this town.

Andrew Davy of *Ditchingham*, married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *John Thurton*, Gent. *Robert Davy* and *Anne* his wife, living, *ao.* 1634, and had *Robert* their son, then baptized. *Robert Davy*, Esq. married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Philip Bedingfield*, Esq.

The tenths were 4*l.* 2*s.* Deducted 6*s.*

The *Bedingfelds* of *Ditchingham* had an estate here in the reign of *Henry* VIII. and being lords of *Hedenham*, I shall there treat of them.

DITCHINGHAM CHURCH.

In the chancel, on a gravestone, a brass plate,

Orate p. a'i'a. Philippi Bosard, generosi, qui obt. 16 *Nov.* 1490, *et p. a'i'a Margeria uxor.*

Against the south wall of the chancel a monument,

Exuviæ hic juxta positæ sunt viri eximiæ pietatis Sam. Pycroft, A. M. hujus ecclesiæ quondam rectoris fidelissimi qui Margaretam filiam Robi. Davy gen. duxit. quam unam cum duobus filiis et unica. filia superstitem reliquit, 3°. *die Junij ao.* 1709. *ætat, suæ* 82.

In the church,

Orate p. a'i'a. Rogi. Bosard Geni. et Willi. Bosard, filij ejus, Rog. obt. 14, *Sept.* 1505.

He is said to give legacies to the finding poor scholars at the Universities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge*. *Regist. Rix. Norw. fol.* 68.

The church is dedicated to St. *Mary*. In the reign of *Edw.* I. *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk* was patron, as capital lord of *Ditchingham:* the rectory was valued at 30 marks; there belonged to it a manse, and 30 acres. *Peter*-pence, 2*s.* 6*d.* Carvage, 9*d.*

RECTORS.

William de Breccles, rector.

William Ball, occurs rector, 1300.

1304, Mr *John Martell*, presented by *Roger* Earl of *Norfolk*; he was prebend of *Wells*.

1334, *John de Langecumb*, by *Thomas de Brotherton* Earl of *Norfolk*.

1348, *Robert Swan*, by Sir *Edward de Montacute*.

1349, *Roger de Halesworth. Ditto.*

1382, *Henry de Glaston*, by Sir *Edw. de Montacute.*

1393, *John Hervey*, by Lady *Margaret*, Countess of *Norfolk.*

1397, *Richard Clerk. Ditto.*

1398, *John Syleby. Ditto.*

1417, *Richard Hoo*, by *John Grey*, Lord of *Ruthyn*, and *Constantia Marshal*, his wife.

1445, *Richard Hadeley*, by *John* Duke of *Norfolk.*

1446, *Edmund Hadilsey. Ditto.*

1454, Mr *John Benet. Ditto.*

1473, *William Ballys*, by *Alianore* Duchess of *Norfolk.*

1501, Mr. *John Dey*, A B. by *Elizabeth* Duchess of *Norfolk.*

1514, Mr. *George Mawer*, Decret. Doctor, by *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk.*

1519, Mr. *Richard Bakon. Ditto.*

1538, *William Bayly*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk.*

1550, Mr *John Sewell*, by the assignees of *Frances* Countess of *Surry.*

1572, *Thomas Daneher*, by the Queen, a lapse.

1580, *Gabriel Poynt. Ditto.*

1585, *Nicholas Forster. Ditto.*

1587, *Robert Lynaker, Ditto.* In 1603, he returned 220 communicants.

1605, *John Curteis*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1609, *Ralph Pell*, by the assignees of the Earl of *Northampton.*

1635, *Mathew Barton*, S.T.B. by *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel;* he was sequestered, and died *December* 18, 1653.

1654, *Samuel Pycroft*, by Sir *William Playters*, and Sir *Richard Onslow.*

1709, *Charles Buchanan*, A. M. by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk.*

1718, *Abraham Baker*, by *Sibil Wall*, widow.

The presentation is in the Duke of *Norfolk.*

The family of *Hare* had a good estate here:[3] *Michael Hare* buried here, 1487, and *Maud* his wife, in 1495.

The present valor is 16*l.* and pays synodals and procurations.

HALES,

By *Loddon*, is by some accounted a town in this hundred, and by others in the hundred of *Clavering;* where see for it.

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[3] Reg. Wolman, Norw. fol. 138.

HELGHETON.

Roger *Bigot*, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, had, by grant of the Conqueror, an interest in, or the moiety of, a freeman, who possessed 8 acres, and ploughed it with 2 oxen, (*Bigot's* lordship in *Claxton*, *Ashby* and *Carleton*, extended into this town,) and it was valued in *Carleton*.[4]

It was held by an ancient family, who assumed their name from the town. *John*, son of *Wymer de Helgeton*, gave to the canons of *Walsingham*, by deed, sans date, a quarter of barley, yearly; and *Robert*, son of *Herbert de Helgeton*, gave lands in *Carlton* to the canons of *Langley*.

In the 4th of King *John*, a fine was levied between *William*, parson of *Helgeton*, petent, and *Godfrey*, son of *Alan* tenent, of lands here; and in the 10th of that King, *Jeffrey de Noring* was petent, and *Alan de Helgeton*, tenent, of a carucate of land.

William de Helgeton was lord, and died about the 10th of *Henry* III. and was succeeded by *John* his brother, when *Alice*, widow of *William*, granted to *John*, the 3d part of this manor, held as her dower, with lands in *Wramplingham*, for the rent of 60*s*. *per ann.*

This *John* married *Emme*, sister of the said *Alice*.

Thomas de Helgeton claimed, as lord, in the 14th of *Edward* I. the assise, view of frank pledge, and a weekly mercate, on *Wednesday*, with a fair in this manor. Sir *Thomas de Helgeton* and *Alice* his wife, were living in the 25th of *Edward* I. when they conveyed by fine, to *William de Kerdeston*, this lordship, with the reversion of many lands in this town, &c. after the decease of several persons, excepting the advowson of this church, and that of *Ashby*.

We find that the *Helgetons* had still an interest here; and in the 26th of *Edward* I. *John de Helgeton*, and *Claricia* his wife, granted lands to *Matthew de Kerdeston*; as *Will.* son of *Rob. de Helgeton*, and *Prudence* his wife did, to *Hugh de Loverd*, in the 11th of *Edward* II. and *John de Helgeton* and *Roger de Kerdeston*, held here and in *Wramplingham*, one fee, in the 17th of that King. *John de Snetterton*, and *Bartholomew de Helgeton*, conveyed to *John de Helgeton* and *Agnes* his wife, (as trustees,) several messuages, and great parcels of land in the 6th of *Edward* III. but the manor and advowson was, at this time, in the *Kerdestons*, and *Roger de Kerdeston* presented in 1326.

In this family it remained, as in *Claxton;* and after that the *Breretons*.

Roger Crow, Esq. was lord, and presented in 1723, and in 1731 *John Bedingfeld*, Esq.

Godric, the King's steward, had a grant of the lands of 3 freemen, 2 of them belonged to *Edwin*, (who was son of *Algar* Earl of *Mercia*,) and one to *Gert*, (King *Harold's* brother,) on whose deprivation, their lands were granted to *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk*, and on his rebellion, and forfeiture, to *Godric*.

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[4] T're. Rogeri Bigoti— In Halgetona dim. lib. de viii ac. sep. cu' ii bov.

These three freemen had 2 carucates of land, and 12 borderers under them, held 3 carucates and a half; there were 12 freemen, 6 of them belonged to the lord's fold, who had the soc, and the other six were freemen; among all these were 2 carucates, and 40 acres of land. *Helgeton* was 4 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and paid 4*d*. gelt.[5]

On the death of *Godric*, this seems to have come to the Crown, as an escheat, and was granted to *William de Cheyney*, (lord of *Horseford*,) with *Claxton*, in the reign of King *Stephen*, and so to the *Cressys*; and the family of *De Kerdeston* was enfeoffed of it, as may be seen at large in *Claxton*.

From the *Kerdestons* it came to the *De la Poles*, &c. to the *Gaudys*, &c. being united to the manor abovementioned.

The tenths were 2*l*. 0*s*. 0*d*. Deducted 16*s*.

John de Shardelow and *Agnes* his wife, purchased lands here of *John*, son of *Hugh le Falconer* of this town, and *Catharine*, his wife, in the reign of *Edward* III. and in the 25th of that King, *John*, son of Sir *John de Shardelow*, and *Thomas* his brother, gave the church of *Cowling* in *Suffolk*, to *Trinity* hall, *Cambridge*.

Alan de Helgeton, by deed sans date, gave to the monks of *Castleacre*, land in *Helgeton*;[6] and *Wimer*, son of *Lambert de Helginton*, gave to them a meadow, called *Hoxwelledol*; and in the 30th of *Edward* I. *Thomas*, son and heir of Sir *Robert de Haleghton*, covenants (with his father) to marry *Joan*, daughter and heir of Sir *Nicholas de Wokindon*.

The Church was dedicated to St. *John* Baptist, and with that of *Ashby* (both being rectories) were valued at 10 marks.

Peter-pence, 12*d*. carvage, 8*d*. the rector had 30 acres of land, with a house.

RECTORS.

William occurs rector in the 4th of King *John*, as by a fine.

William de Kerdeston purchased by fine, of *Thomas de Heleghton* and *Alice* his wife, 24 messuages, 3 mills, 320 acres of land, &c. with the advowsons of this town, and *Asseby*, ao. 26th *Edward* I.

Jeffrey occurs rector about 1320.

1326, *John Bretham*, by Sir *Roger de Kerdeston*.
1327, *Thomas de Newton*. *Ditto*.
1329, *William Reynold*. *Ditto*.
1349, *Richard de Geyst*, by Sir *William de Kerdeston*.
1378, *John Anwald*. *Ditto*.
1390, *Richard Falknere*, by Sir *Leonard Kerdeston*.
1396, *William Cotton*. *Ditto*.
1410, *John Hetherington*. *Ditto*.

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[5] Terre Godrici dapiferi—Halgetuna ten. Radulf. quam tenuer. iii libi. ho'es. ii Edwini i Gert T. R. E. ii car. t're. sub eis semp. xii bord. semp. intr. o'es iii car. et dim. in ead. villa xii ho'es vi quor. erant in soca falde, et alij vi erant lib. intr. o'es. xl ac. t're. sep. ii car.—Helgetona ht. iiii qr. in longo, et iii in lato, et de gelto iiii*d*.

[6] Reg. Castleac. fol. 85.

1411, *Hugh Bucknal*, by Sir *Leonard Kerdeston.*
1412, *John Eccles. Ditto.*
1435, *Edmund Hobbs*, by Sir *Thomas Kerdeston.*
1438, *John Palmer*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1458, *Andrew Bille. Ditto.*
1462, *Thomas Hanworth. Ditto.*
1478, *John Fox*, by *John* Duke of *Suffolk.*
1484, *John Shottover. Ditto.*
1492, *Robert Spoforth*, by *Eliz.* Dutchess of *Suffolk.*

Sir *Edward North* had a grant of this town, *Ashby* and *Claxton*, with the advowsons, *September* 10, *ao.* 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary.*

In 1603, *William Cockram* was rector, and held it united to *Ashby*, valued at 6*l. per ann.*; he returned 90 communicants, and Sir *Henry Gaudy* was patron.

1606, *William Flowerdew.*
1618, *Robert Peachie.*
1662, *John Feveryere*
1685, *Edward Yovell.*
Samuel Kirk, rector, died in 1723.
Thomas Gamble, instituted in 1723, and vicar of *Wroxham cum Sallows* chapel, presented by *Roger Crow*, Esq.
1731, *Thomas Manlove*, by *John Bedingfeld*, Esq.

The church is a single pile, covered with lead, (the chancel is tiled,) and has a round tower, with 2 bells.

In the chancel lies a black marble, with a brass plate thereon,

Sir Anthony Gaudy, Kt. deceased March 30, 1642.
Virtue, justice, goodness, race,
Are all interred within this place.
With this good knight, so good whose fame.
That now in Heaven most glorious his name.
Whether he is gone to Christ his rock,
To sing Hallelujahs with his celestial flock.

HARDLEY.

THE abbot and convent of St. *Bennet* of *Holm*, held this lordship in the days of the Confessor, and at the survey, with 2 carucates of land, 5 borderers, 2 carucates in demean, &c. and 2 bovates among the tenants, &c. 8 acres of meadow, one runcus, 4 cows &c. 150 sheep; and there were 4 socmen with 7 acres and half a carucate, valued at 30*s.* was 8 furlongs long, and 7 broad, and paid 11*d.* gelt.[7]

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[7] T're. S'ci. Ben. de Hulmo—Hardele tenet. semp. S. B. p. ii car. t're. sep. v bor. tc. ii car. in d'nio. mo. i mo. ii bov. hom. silv. iii por. viii ac. p'ti. et i runc. iiii an. xxiiii por. mo. cl ovs. et iiii soc. de vii ac. sep. dim. car. tc. val. xxx sol. et mo. ht. viii qr. in longo et vii in lat. et de g. xid.

This lordship was given to the abbey of St. *Bennet* of *Holm*, by *Wilfric*, a *Saxon*, who was lord of it.[8]

In the 3d of *Henry* III. *Henry*, son of *Turgis de Caldecote*, granted by fine to the abbot, one carucate of land. The *Caldecotes* are said to hold it of the abbot: and in the 45th of that King, the abbot granted to *Thomas de Walton* and *Margery* his wife, daughter of *Roger de Ormesby*, for life, this lordship, one carucate of land in *Ludham* and *Catfield*, in exchange for other lands.

About the said time, *Adam*, the abbot, had lands conveyed to him by the abbot of *Langley*, on an agreement about a foldcourse and right of common

The abbot, in the 14th of *Edward* I. claimed view of frank pledge, assise, wreck at sea, and on the shore, free warren, &c. and in 1428, the temporalities of the abbey were valued at 10*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.* *q.*

On the Dissolution, it was granted to *Thomas Paston*, who had license in the 25th of *Henry* VIII. to alien it to *Thomas Godsalve*, Esq. senior, of *Norwich*, who died seized of it, and *John*, was his heir, who being a knight in the first and 2d of *Philip* and *Mary*, conveyed it, *November* 24, to *William Drake* of *Forncet*, Gent. son of *John Drake* of *Pulham*.

This *William* married first, daughter ——, of *Bokenham*, by whom he had a daughter, *Maud*, married to *Richard Ferrar*, of *Norwich*; by his 2d wife, *Anne*, daughter and heir of *William Stoker* of *Forncet*, he had a son, *William*, of *Hardley*, who married *Margery*, daughter of *Henry Mansfield*, Gent. and was father of *William Drake*, Esq. who by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Read*, of *Beccles*, Esq. had several daughters and coheirs.

William Harvey, Clarencieux, confirmed to this *William Drake*, Esq. his arms, *azure*, a dragon, or wivern, wings displayed, passant, *gules*.

William Playters, Esq. of *Soterley* in *Suffolk*, was lord of *Hardley* in right of his wife, *Mary*, daughter and coheir of *William Drake*, and is said to be his fourth wife, by whom he had *Drake-William Playters*, Esq. who took to wife, *Catherine*, daughter of Sir *Lionel Talmash*, of *Helmingham* in *Suffolk*, Bart. and was father of *Talmach Playters*, Esq. who sold this lordship to Sir *Will. Cook*, Bart. in 1697, by whom it was settled on *Thornh. Gurdon*, Esq. who married *Elizabeth*, 4th daughter and coheir of Sir *William*; and he conveyed it to Sir *Lambert Blackwell*, Bart.[9]

In the 52d of *Henry* III. *Robert*, son of *Andrew de Gillingham*, granted, by fine, to *Hamon*, master of St. *Giles's* hospital in *Norwich*, lands, and the advowson of this church.

In the 4th of *Richard* II. *John de Foxley*, &c. aliened to the hospital of St. *Gyles* in *Norwich*, a messuage, 48 acres and a half of land, 4 of pasture in this town, *Mundham*, &c.

Before this, in 1330, *Walter de Filby* and *Edmund*, parson of *Lounde*, had license to settle on it, a messuage, 15 acres and an half of land, 2 of meadow, and 44 of *tuncary* in *Norwich*, this town, *Sithing*, &c. In 1381, tenements in this town, &c. were by license granted them.

On *March* 6, 1547, *William Rugg* Bishop of *Norwich*, (as diocesan and patron,) and *Nicholas Shaxton*, D.D. master and custos of this hospital, with the brethren, &c. surrendred it to the King, who gave it in the said year. to the mayor, sheriffs, citizens, &c. of *Norwich*, to be an hospital for the poor.

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[8] Reg. Abb. de Holm. fol. 6, 37, 171, &c.

[9] See in Brome.

In 1728, *Hardley* rectory and vicarage, with all the houses, glebe, &c. were let to the curate or parish chaplain, for his life, at 10*l.* *per ann.* and 20 combs of barley *per ann.* to be delivered to the keeper of the hospital.

Langley abbey had lands here, in the 45th of *Henry* III. In the 6th of *Edward* II. *John Langley* aliened a messuage, 10 acres of lands 36 of marsh, and 25*s.* rent *per ann.* here and in *Loddon*, to this abbey.

Thomas Berney, Esq. had, on *June* 5, *ao.* 38 of *Henry* VIII. a grant from the Crown of 30 quarters of barley, which the tenant of the abbot paid *per ann.* who had a lordship valued at 6*l.* 11*s.* 1*d.* *ob.* in 1428.

The tenths were 3*l.* Deducted 14*s.* *Carhow* priory temporalities, 11*s.*

At *Hardley* stath, barges, &c. take in corn for *Yarmouth.*

A fishery in this town was conveyed by *John Veile*, Esq. to *Robert Love*, Gent. held *in capite, ao.* 15 *James* I.

Mansfield bore *argent*, a chevron between three maunches, *sable.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Margaret*, and is a single pile, covered with lead, and the chancel is thatched; it has a round tower with 3 bells.

On a marble gravestone in the chancel, with a brass plate,

Here lyeth buried the body of Drake William Playters, lord of this manor: he married Catherine, daughter of Sir Lionel Talmach, of Helmingham in Suffolk, baronet, by whom he had 4 *sons, and* 2 *daughters, and died the* 5*th day of June,* 1632.

Also these arms, quartered, six bendlets, wavy, *argent*, and *azure*, *Playters;* 2d, *argent*, a chevron, *sable*, between three mullets, *gules*, *Dennis;* 3d, *vert*, a lion rampant, *argent*, crowned, *or*, *Bridgenorth;* 4th, *sable*, a chevron, *ermin*, between three Catherine-wheels, *argent*, *Aslack;* 5th, *argent*, a chevron between three bears heads, couped, *sable*, *Berry;* 6th, *sable*, a fess, between two chevrons, *or*, *Bainard;* 7th, on a fess, two ducal coronets, 8th, *azure*, three cinquefoils, *or*, *Bardolf;* 9th, *ermin*, on a chief, *gules*, three lozenges, of the first, *Charler;* 10th, on a chevron, three escallops; 11th, *argent*, a wivern sejant, wings displayed, *gules*, *Drake;* 12th, gyrony of eight, *or* and *azure*, 2 martlets, in chief, and one in base, *argent*, *Stoker;* 13th, per pale, a chevron, between three cinquefoils counterchanged.

In the church, a gravestone with a brass plate,

In memory of William Drake Esq. of Hardley, who married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Rede of Beccles, and by her had issue 5 *daughters: he died November* 20, 1584.

Also the arms of *Drake* and *Stoker*, quarterly.

On another, with a brass plate

Orate p. a'i'a. Alicie Drake

Also one with a brass plate,

Orate p. a'i'a. Rici. Playforth, qui obt. x die Augusti, 1526.

Robert Gillingham and his heirs, by deed, sans date, grant to *Roger Bacun* and his heirs, the patronage of this church, for 15 marks of silver, and the rent of 22*d. per ann.* to be received of *Roger Binel* and his heirs; witnesses, *William de Warrenne, Ralph de Revecester, Walter de Creping,* &c.

The seal is an hawk or eagle, rising.

In the 8th of King *John,* a fine was levied on this account. Before this, *Goceline de Lodnes,* at the request of King *Richard* I. gives and grants by deed, to Master *Roger de St. Edmund,* and his heirs, the advowson, to hold it as freely, &c. as his ancestors held it; witnesses, *Hubert* Bishop of *Salisbury, Ralph de Glanvile, Henry de Hastings. Ralph Fitz-Jeffrey,Gilbert* son of *Wymar, William de Gretingham, Robert de Alneto.*

The seal is the head couped of an old man, in a cap, or helmet, and around it is an annulet or ring.

Sir *John de Lodne,* by deed, sans date, gives to the hospital of St. *Gyles,* the master and brethren, all his right in the advowson: witnesses, *William de Ages, Andrew Waceline, Robert de Hulm, William de Rokhoche,* &c. and sealed with three cresses, formy.

It was purchased of this Sir *John,* by Bishop *Suffield,* the founder.

Roger de Gillingham was rector, and presented by *Robert de Gillingham,* instituted by *John* of *Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich* [1]

Between this *Roger,* rector, and the prior of *Buttley,* in *Suffolk,* was a composition for certain tithes granted to *Roger* and his successours.

After this, it was appropriated to the hospital, and a vicarage was settled.

VICARS.

Robert occurs vicar, sans date; the rectory had a manse belonging to it, with a two carucates of land, and was valued at 16 marks; and the preceptory of the Knights Templars of *Carbroke,* had a portion of tithe valued at 4*s.*

The vicarage had a manse, but no land, and was valued at 6 marks. *Peter*-pence 11*d.* carvage 12*d.*

Norman occurs vicar, in the 14th of *Edward* I.
1301, *Henry de Jakesle,* instituted vicar, presented by the master, &c. of St. *Gyles's* hospital.
1313, *Adam de Hemesby. Ditto.*
Richard Dogget was vicar in the 25th of *Edward* III.
1372, *John Smith. Ditto.*
1377, *Adam Ringolf. Ditto.*
1393, *John Rands. Ditto.*
1397, *Henry Totay. Ditto.*
1408, *Edmund Giffard. Ditto.*
1409, *Elias Lovel. Ditto.*
1432, *George Lyster,* by the Bishop, a lapse.
Thomas Ludham occurs vicar in 1503.

It is now served by a stipendiary curate, nominated by the mayor, sheriffs, &c. of *Norwich*, In 1603, *Anthony Callowe* was curate, and returned 98 communicants.

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[1] Calendar. Cartar. Prior. de Butl.

In the church was St. *Margaret's* guild. *Henry Bunn*, by his will dated in 1501, orders a cross to be erected in the churchyard, ornamented with palm branches, on *Palm Sunday, p. palmis in die ramis palmarum offerendis*; in 1503, was a gift to the pinnacles of the steeple.

HEDENHAM.

ALGAR, a thane, in King *Edward's* reign, possessed this manor, but on the conquest was ejected. *Hugh de Abrincis*, the Conqueror's sister's son, had a grant of it, and possessed it at the survey, being then Earl of *Chester*.

Algar is called a thane of Archbishop *Stigand*, and had 2 carucates of land, 5 villains, 9 borderers, and 6 servi; there were 3 carucates in demean, &c. a carucate and an half among the tenants, &c. with 12 acres of meadow, a mill, 2 cows, &c. and 40 goats; and there were 20 freemen, who held under his protection half a carucate of land; there were 3 carucates, &c. of meadow.[2]

Warine held it under *Hugh*, being enfeoffed thereof.

Warine abovementioned was ancestor of the family of *Meynwarin* of *Cheshire*, of which family the *Ilketeshales* held this lordship: *Gilbert de Ilketeshale* was lord also of *Hedenham*, and *Ilketeshale* in *Suffolk*.

Sir *Thomas*, his son and heir, was living in the 7th of *Henry* III. whose son, *Gilbert*, had a charter for free warren here, &c. in the 32d of that King, also in *Gamlingay*, in *Cambridgeshire*, and in the 3d of *Edward* I. *Gilbert* settled it on Sir *Thomas de Weyland* for life, with the advowson, in exchange for the manor of *Blaxal*: and in the 18th of that King, it was held of the heirs of *Waryne de Maynwaryn*, a minor, as part of the honour of *Chester*: Sir *James*, son of *Gilbert*, was then lord, who married *Oliva*, daughter of Sir *Thomas de Weyland*, the judge, and was father of *James*, who married, first, *Maud*, daughter of *Richard*, son of *William de la Rokele*, as appears by a fine in the 26th of *Edward* I. and after married *Ida*, daughter of Sir *Robert de Stafford*, by whom he had a right in the lordship of *Rodborn*, &c. in *Derbyshire*; she had a sister married to *Thomas de Stanton*.

In this family it remained, as may be seen at large in *Kelling*. Sir *Thomas Ilketeshale* dying in 1417, left a son, and a daughter, who dying soon after, his four sisters children became his heirs, in the 9th of *Henry* V.

Margaret, (daughter of *Idonea*,) who married ——— *Fitz Piers*, and left *Laurence*, her son, had an interest in right of the said *Idonea*, one of Sir *Thomas Ilketeshale's* sisters,—*Margaret*, another sister, married *Thomas Seive*,—*Joan*, another sister, married, and had *Margaret*, a daughter, married to *Richard Elswyke*; and the 4th sister married to *Gilbert de Debenham*.

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[2] Tre Hugonis Comitis. —— In Hedenaham tenet Warin. qua' tenuit Algar tain. Stigandi T. R. E. p. man. ii car. tre semp. v vill. et ix bord. tnc. vi ser. p' et mo. null. tnc. iii car. in d'nio. p'. nulla mo. ii tn'c. et p'. i car. et dim' ho'um. mo. ii et xii ac. p'ti tn'c. i mol. et mo. ii an. mo. xii porc. mo. XL cap' et sub eo XX lib. ho'es comd. dim. car. tre. tnc. iii car. p'. nulla mo. iiii et iiii ac. p'ti.

Isabel, the widow of Sir *Thomas*, remarried, between whom, *William*, her husband, and *Thomas Deyvill*, her son, by *William*, and the heirs of Sir *Thomas*, were disputes about his inheritance.

In the 31st of *Henry* VI. *John Ovy* and *Cecilia* his wife, &c. (as in *Kelling*) had a right herein; and in the 7th of *Edward* IV. *Cecilia Ovy*, &c. released it to *Henry Heydon*, Esq. of *Baconsthorp*.

Richard Elswyk, had by *Margaret*, daughter of *Joan*, a son *Thomas*, who changed his name to *Sharnborn*,[3] kept his part and interest herein, presenting to this church in 1438, as did *John* his son, in 1473, and *Thomas Sharnborn* in 1595, and *Christopher Shernborn* had livery of it about the 6th of *Elizabeth*; soon after this, *Haydon's* interest herein, and that of *Sharnborn* was conveyed to the *Bedingfelds*; and in 1569, *Edmund Bedingfield*, Esq. presented as lord.

The *Bedingfields* of this town were a younger branch of that of *Bedingfield* in *Suffolk*: *Philip Bedingfield*. Esq. lived at *Ditchingham* in the 34th of *Henry* III. and held lands at *Bedingfield* (as by his will then dated *November* 18) and in this town; he was son (as I conceive) of *Thomas Bedingfield*, of *Bedingfield*, by *Joan*, daughter and heir of *Roger Bosard* of *Ditchingham*, by whom the estate here came, and by her had *Edmund*, his eldest son, *Robert*, the second son, and *Henry* the third son:[4] he appoints *Anne* his wife, and *Thomas* his brother, rector of *Alderton*, his executors; his will was proved *July* 18, 1543.

In 1569, *Edmund Bedingfield*, Esq. presented to this church, eldest son of *Philip*, by *Anne*, daughter of *Richard Yaxley*, of *Yaxley* in *Suffolk*, Esq.

In 1572, *Robert Bedingfield*, Esq. presented, and in 1582.

Philippa, daughter of this *Robert*, married *John Higham*, Esq. in 1600; and in the said year, Sir *Clement Higham* married at *Ditchingham*, *Anne*, another of *Robert's* daughters.[5]

After this in 1626, *Miles Hobart*, Esq. of *Intwood*, presented in right of *Frances*,[6] late wife of Sir *Philip Bedingfield*.

In 1661, *Philip Bedingfeld*, Esq. was lord: he married *Ursula*, daughter of Sir *John Potts*, Bart. of *Mannington*, and was father of *Philip Bedingfeld*, Esq. of *Ditchingham*, who died in 1696, *August* 25, and was buried in the church of *Hedenham*, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *William Stroud*, Esq. of *Kent*, by whom she had several children; *Philip* and *Robert*, the two eldest, died *s. p.* *John* the third son, *James* the fourth, and *John* the fifth; to whom Sir *George Stroud*, his mother's brother, gave his estate about 1710.

John, the 3d son, was rector of this town and of *Bedingfield* in *Suffolk*, and in 1729, *John Bedingfeld*, Esq. was lord and presented.

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[3] Of the Sharnborns, see in Sharnborn, in Smetheden hundred.

[4] Lib. Haydon, Norw.

[5] Robert had a son and heir, Henry; he married Margaret, daughter of John Davy of Tolshunt in Essex; she remarried Thomas Newce, Esq. of Broxborne in Hertfordshire.

[6] She was daughter of Sir John Peyton of Isleham in Cambridgeshire, Bt. and remarried Miles Hubart, Esq. of Intwood.

Philip Bedingfeld, Esq. is the present lord and patron, who married first, ——— *Bacon*, daughter of Sir *Edmund Bacon*, Bart. of *Gillingham*, and after the widow *Forster*, daughter of Mr. *Spendlove* of *Norwich*, Gent.

PARK'S MANOR,

In this town, was held partly of the manor of *Hedenham*, and partly of Earl *Bygod's* manor of *Ditchingham*. In the 20th of *Henry* III. *Robert de Hedenham* was found to hold the fifth part of a fee here and in *Sithing* of the Earl-Marshal.

John de Hedenham was witness to a deed, *sans date*; and in the 53d of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *William*, son of *Thomas de Whitton*, and *Isabel* his wife, querents, and *Robert*, son of *Reinold de Hedenham*, deforcient, of lands and messuages in this town and *Ditchingham*.

Robert de Hedenham was lord in the 31st of *Edward* I. but in the 2d of *Edward* II. a fine was levied, whereby *John de L'Ecclese*, of *Shelfangre*, conveyed it, with 8 messuages, 105 acres of land, to *John de la Park*.

This *John*, was a descendant of *William de la Park* of *Ilketeshale* in *Suffolk*.

In 1309, *Adam de Park* was living here, and in the 15th of *Edward* III. and *William* was lord in 1345.

Joan, the sole daughter and heiress of this family, married first, *John Duke* of *Brampton*, Esq. by whom she had *Thomas*, a son and heir; her second husband, was *John Strange*, Esq. of *Norwich*, who with his wife *Joan*, levied a fine of it *A°*. 36 of *Henry* VI. settling it in trust for himself, by his will dated *June* 14, 1476, appoints *Elizabeth* (then his second wife) to have an annuity of 10 marks *per ann.* out of his manors of *Hedenham*, *Aslacton*, and *Wacton*,[7] during her widowhood, and if *Thomas Duke*, son of *Joan* his first wife, will pay the said annuity, then his executors should make an estate of the said manors to him, who accordingly possessed them with the lordship of *Brampton*.

In this family it remained, till sold to the *Richmonds*.

Robert Richmond was lord in the 9th of *Elizabeth*, son of *Richard Richmond*, Gent. of *Hedenham-Park's* manor, by ———, his wife, daughter of ——— *Thurston* of *Ditchingham*, which *Robert* was father of *John Richmond*, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Richard Ward* of *Alborough* in *Norfolk*; this *John* had these arms confirmed to him by *Robert Cook*, *Clarencieux*, in 1576; *ermin*, on a chief *sable*, a griffin passant, *or*.

John, married first, *Anne* daughter of *William Gooch* of St. *Margaret's*, *Ilketeshale*, by whom he had *Robert*, his son, and by his second wife, *Catherine*, daughter of *Thomas Ward* of *Broke*, he had *Anne*, who married *Thomas Day* of *Cotton*.

John, by an inquisition taken, at *Norwich*, *September* 26, *A°*. 27 *Elizabeth*, was found to die on *May* 26, last past (and it is therein said that *Robert*, was his son and heir, by *Catherine*, daughter of *Thomas Ward* of *Broke*, and aged 14) seized of the manor of *Park's*,

Reg. Gelour, Norw. pt. 2, fol. 160.

held in free soccage of the Crown, as lord of *Ditchingham;* also of 94 acres in this town, *Ditchingham,* &c. held of the honour of *Chester*, and of a capital manor called *Richmond's.*

Robert Richmond, Esq. lord, by *Catherine* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Prettyman,* Gent. of *Baketon* in *Suffolk,* was father of *John Richmond,* lord of this manor of *Parks,* as held by his grandfather: he took to wife *Mary,* daughter of *Roger Goodwyn* of *Stoneham* in *Suffolk,* and died on *February* 6, *A°.* 15 of *Charles* I.

Robert, his father, was then living, and *John* was found to be his son and heir, by *Mary,* aged 11 years.

John Richmond, Esq. son of *John,* married *Anne,* daughter of—— ——, and sister of Sir *William Cooper,* Knt. and Bart. and was father of *William,* and of *Catherine.*

William, son and heir, died *s. p,* whose sister *Mary* married *Charles Garneys,* Esq. a younger branch of the family of *Kenton,* by whom she had *Charles Garneys,* Esq. of *Mourningthorp,* and *Clere Garneys* her second son, who was lord, of the manor of *Parks;* by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *John Watts* of *Mercate Burnham,* he had *Richard,* a son and heir, *Catherine,* and *Mary. Clere* was living in 1723, but *Margaret* his wife died in *February* 1722.

Richard Garneys, Esq. son of *Clere,* married *Anne,* daughter of *William Churchman,* Esq. of *Illington*; but dying *s. p. Catherine,* his sister, was his heir, who married *John Bedingfield,* rector of this church, and was lord in her right.

The tenths were 1*l.* 8*s.*—Deducted 13*s.*—Temporalities of *Langley* abbey 11*d.*

The church is a rectory dedicated to St. *Mary; John,* the rector, petitioned *Pope Innocent,*

That whereas *Walter de Wudeton,* lately deceased, officiated as vicar of the said church, where there never was any; and that the admission of another, would be injurious to any rector; and this diocesan consenting that there should be none, that the *Pope* would confirm the same, which he did by his bull, dated at *Lions, October* 4, in the 4th year of his pontificate.

In the 7th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *Thomas,* son of *Gilbert de Ilketeshale* and *Hugh Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk,* of the advowson of a moiety of this church granted to *Thomas,* and his heirs, paying 20 marks, and releasing to the Earl his right in a fishery between *Beccles* and *Bongey.*

Sir *Thomas de Weyland,* the judge, was patron in the time of *Edward* I. by a grant, the rectory was then valued at 20 marks *per ann.* had no manse, but 50 acres of land, *Peter*-pence 14*d. ob.* carvage 9*d. ob.* and the prior of *Bromholm* had a portion of tithe valued at 10*s.* held in fee farm rent of the abbot and convent of St. *Sever,* in *Normandy;* and confirmed by the grant of *Gilbert,*[8] son of Sir *Thomas* of *Ilketeshal,* by deed *sans date:* the deed to the abbot of *Bromholm* from the abbot of St. *Sever,* is dated 1249, valued then at 10*s.*

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[8] Regist Prior. de Bromh. fol 33, &c.

RECTORS.

John de Hustwait, rector, was succeeded in 1306, by *John de Norwich*, presented by *James*, son of *James de Ilketeshale* and *Ida* his wife.

John de Wyleby occurs rector in the 11th of *Edward* II.

1330, *John de Ilketeshale*, presented by Sir *James de Ilketeshale.*

1333, *Robert de Swathing. Ditto.*

1334, *John de Foxton. Ditto.*

1338, *Laur. le Maister.*

1338, *Robert Gyn. Ditto.*

1349, *John Hereward*, by *Ida de Ilketeshale.*

1359, Mr. *Dennis de Edgefield*, by *Thomas Bacon de Baconsthorp.*

1366, *Edmund Strange*, by *Robert de Ilketeshale.*

1372, *John Hereward*, by *Claricia*, relict of Sir *Robert de Ilketeshale.*

1392, *John Sparwe. Ditto.*

1393, *Henry Wilton*, by *Claricia* and *Thomas* her son and heir.

1408, *John Skarlet*, by *William Ilketeshale, Henry Wilton*, &c.

1409, *Richard Wirham*, by *Robert Mauclerk*, &c.

1431, *John Skeet*, by *William Devyll*, Esq. and *Isabel*, late wife of Sir *Thomas Ilketeshale.*

1436, *Richard Wyston*, by *Laur. Fitz Piers.*

1437, *John Ham*, by *John Ovy.*

1438, *Robert Pecard*, by *Thomas Sharnborn*, Esq.

1460, *Nicholas Sharnburn*, by *Jamoma*, widow of *Thomas Sharnburn*, Esq.

1467, *Nicholas Cole*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1473, *Richard Grene*, by *John Sharnburn.*

1502, *Ralph Palmer*, by Sir *Henry Heidon.*

1565, *Edward Cokke*, by *Edmund Bedingfield*, assignee of *Thomas Sharnburn.*

Andrew Brown, rector.

1569, *Henry Bedingfield*, by *Edmund Bedingfield.*

1572, *Thomas Danks*, by *Robert Bedingfield*, Esq.

1582, *John Silby. Ditto.*

In 1603, there were 100 communicants.

1626, *Henry King*, by *Miles Hobart*, Esq. son of *Frances*, relict of Sir *Phil. Bedingfield;* he was sequestered.

1661, *Gawdy Hacon*, by *Phil. Bedingfield*, Esq.

1707, *James Bedingfield*, by *Elizabeth Bedingfield*, widow.

1729, *William Baker*, by *John Bedingfield*, Esq.

1762, Mr. *P. Forster.*

The present valor is 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is discharged.

Phil. Bedingfield of *Ditchingham*, Esq. was lord and patron, in 1762.

Sir *Thomas Ilketeshale*, by his will dated in the 4th of *Henry* V. gave 20*l.* towards building a new roof.

On the north side of the chancel, is a mural monument, with a person kneeling, *This is the monument of Sir Philip Bedingfield of Ditchingham, who married the daughter of Sir John Peyton of Iselham in Cambridgeshire, knight and baronet, and died* 19. *Feb.* 1621, *aged* 28 *years.*

On the said wall,

The memorial of Henry Hobart, eldest son of Miles Hobart of Intwood in Norfolk, Esq. second son of Sir Henry Hobart, died Apr. 1624.

Also on a brass plate there,

Hen. Bedingfield, sepultus 2°. *die Feb. A°.* 1594.

Robertus Bedingfield, Arm. in mortem, Henr. filij et hæredis sui.

Our God, the good, while they be good, doth take, and leave us ill,
That we might mend our sinful life, in life to tarry still.
Therefore my heart cease sighs, and sobs, cease sorrow's seeds to sow,
Whereof no gain, but greater grief, and hurtful care may grow,
Farewell, my dear obedient son, since death doth part us twayn,
No death but parting for a while, whom life shall win again.

Robertus Bedingfield, Arm. sepultus Nov. 5, 1600.

In the chancel a marble stone within the rails;

Here lyeth the body of Philip Bedingfield, Esq; buried March 6, 1660.

Near the communion table is a gravestone,

In memory of Ann the virtuous and loyal wife of Philip Bedingfield, of Ditchingham, Esq; youngest daughter of Edward Bacon, of Shrubland-Hall in Codenham, in Suffolk, Esq; 2d son of Sir Nicholas Bacon, lord keeper, died about 63 *years of age, and was interred December 2d,* 1654.

Here lyeth the body of Dame Frances Bedingfield, daughter of Sir John Peyton of Isleham, in Cambridgeshire, knight and baronet, first married to Sir Philip Bedingfield of Ditchingham, and after to Miles Hobart of Intwood, Esq; by whom she had several children, her only surviving son is Sir John Hobart of Blickling, baronet, who about 33 *years after her decease laid this stone, in* 1664.

Another,

In memory of Philip Bedingfield, Esq; buried June 5, 1673, *and Ursula his wife, daughter of Sir John Potts, buried March* 26, 1677.

In the church was the light of the perke of our Lady.

LANGLEY TOWN AND ABBEY.

THE capital lordship of this town was granted by the Conqueror to *William Beaufoe*, who was his chaplain, and chancellor, and was held by him as a lay fee, and his own inheritance, when *Domesday* book was made, being then Bishop of *Thetford*.

Anant, a freeman, held it under King *Edward*, and was deposed: it consisted then of 3 carucates of land, 2 villains, &c. 8 borderers, 2 carucates and a half in demean, one among the tenants, &c. 8 acres of meadow, one mill, 7 horses, four cows, &c. 95 sheep; and *Anant* had 25 socmen, with one carucate, and after 4 carucates. Three freemen under his protection had 40 acres, but the soc was in the King: and there was a carucate also and a half.

Here was one priest who in his own right, and 2 others who held by moieties, 100 acres of free land belonging to the church of St. *Andrew*; the whole was valued at 4*l.* and was one leuca long, and one broad; and paid 11*d.* gelt.

In King *Edward's* time *Almar* and his parceners held this land of *Anant*, and he died suddenly.[9]

The Lords *Bardolf* of *Wirmegay*, in *Norfolk*, were enfeoffed of the greatest part of this manor, and held it of the see of *Norwich*; and the family of *De Cheyney* and their descendants, held it of the Lords *Bardolf*, by the service of two knights fees.

Sir *Robert Fitz Roger*, *Helke*, or *De Clavering*, who was lord of *Horsford*, by the marriage of *Margaret*, daughter and coheir of *William de Cheyney*, relict of Sir *Hugh de Cressi*, was lord of this manor: on his founding a monastery for canons of the Premonstratensian order here, in 1198, gave the greatest part of this manor to it, to be held by one fee and three quarters, the other quarter of a fee being in his own family) also the advowson of the church, with the marsh of *Raveness*, &c.[1]

The founder was sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, in the 3d and 4th year of King *Richard* I. and in the said reign this abbey was founded; his descendants assumed the name of *De Clavering*, from their lordship of that name, in *Essex*, and had the patronage of this abbey, of whom see in *Horsford*.

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[9] Terra Epi. Tedfordensis de feudo —North Langale ten. Anant lib. ho. sub. rege E. p. iii car. t're. tc. et p. ii vill. mo. i semp. viii bord. tc. ii car. et dim. mo. i car. in d'nio. sep. i car. hom. silva xx porc. et viii ac. p'ti. et i molin. tc. vii equi, mo. vi tc. iiii an. mo i xx porc. mo. xiiii mo. lx. xxxv ovs. et xxv soc. Anant de i car. t're. tc. et p. iiii car. mo. iii et iii libi. ho'es. ei'd. comd. xl ac. et soca Regis tc. i car. et dim. p. et mo. i. In eade' i p'br. integer et ii dim. tenet c acr. libe. terre et jacent in ecclia S'ci. Andree tc. et sep. val. iiii lib. ht. i leug. in longo et i in lato, et de gelto xid. In t'pe. r.e. habuit Almar. t'ra' isti. Anant et socij fuer'. et subita morte fuit mortuus.

[1] See Dugd. Mon. Ang. vol. ii. p. 659.

The anniversary of the founder was kept on the 18th of the calends of *May*.

Here were an abbot and 15 canons, of the *Premonstratensian* order, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and valued, as *Dugdale*, at 104*l.* 16*s.* 5*d. ob.;* as *Speed*, at 128*l.* 19*s. ob.*

King *John*, in his first year, confirmed the grant of the founder, and granted the abbot a fair and a weekly mercate in the manor of *Langley*, with soc, sac, and many other liberties.

It appears from a rental that they had considerable possessions, the manors of *Langley, Thurton, Burgh cum Apeton, Mundham, Raveningham, Iyseland, Asheby, Winston, Rockland, Poringland, Framlingham, Shotesham, Kirkeby, Trous, Bowthorp, Whetacre, Rushale, Heckingham cum Rochehage*, and *Hales.*

Alan de Heckingham gave lands which he had of *William Foliot*, and *William* gave the homages of the heirs of *Richard Thurgot* in *Heckingham*, and *Alice* and *Mabil*, daughters of *Richard Turget*, grant the homages and services of *John de Lodne.*

William de Horseford and *Margaret* his wife, with the consent of *Claricia de Burgo*, gave lands in *Bergh.*

Robert de Colvile lands and a turbary in *Lothwestoft.*

William, son of *Warin*, and *William*, son of *Ralph de Whetacre*, lands and villains.

Reginald, son of *Simon de Burgo*, called also *Simon de Raveningham*, lands.

William de Cheyney gave them his tenants in *Cove* and *Worlingham*, in *Suffolk.*

Roger de Thaseburgh and *Eva* his wife, widow of —— *de Vernun*, and *Robert Vernun* her son, gave lands.

Mr. *Hugh de Stockton* lands in *Winston*, and *Geldington.*

Ralph de Bukenham the services of *Jeffrey de Lodnes*, in *Lodne*, and *Jeffrey de Stubbs* lands there.

Sir *Andrew de Hengham*, Knt. confirmed to them all the lands given them by his father and ancestors, in *Bergh* and *Thurton.*

Petronilla, daughter of Sir *John de Vaux*, in her widowhood, for the souls of her father, and *William de Nerford* her husband, all the tenants in her fee, called *Gris*-fee, in *Thurton, Askeby, Bergh Apeton*, and *Carleton, ao.* 15th *Edw.* II.

Walter de Hemenhale, in the 41st of *Henry* III. granted to *Simon*, then abbot, a messuage, 2 carves of land, and 3 acres of wood.

Simon, the abbot, in 1267, at the request of Sir *Jeffrey de Lodnes*, remitted to Sir *William de Wendling* and his heirs, 3*s.* rent *per ann.* out of the houses which he bought of *Henry de Worton*, in *Conesford-street, Norwich*, by the edifice of *Isaac* the *Jew*. The seal of *Simon* is of green wax; on one side is the Virgin and the child Jesus, seated on a throne; on the other a King on his throne, probably the abbey seal.[2]

In the 4th of *Edward* II. they had a patent for lands in *Buthorp, Norfolk, Thomas de Cockfield* lands, on an exchange for lands in *Erleham.* In the 6th of that King, one to purchase a messuage, 10 acres of land, 38 of meadow, and 25*s.* rent in this town, *Lodne*, &c. of *John de*

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[2] Bp. Tanner's Notit. Monast. says the abbey's arms were a pastoral staff, with an hand issuing from each side of the shield, and holding a sword.

Langley. In the 9th to purchase land in *Norwich*, of *John, Parson* of *Bodham*, and for 2 messuages in *Jernemuthe*, of *William Mawe*, and in the 12th, one for 12 acres of land, 3 of meadow, 40 of marsh, and 40 of rush-ground in *Langley*, and *Chetgrave*, and for 100 acres of land in *Whetacre*, granted by *Robert Baynard.*

In 1332, a patent for tenements in *Norwich* and *Sneterley*, and to appropriate the church of *Burgh*, with that of *Sneterley*, the chapel of *Glanford.*

They had lands also in *Aldeby*, and *Blofield*, a rent out of lands of *Barth White*, Esq. in *Stoke*, with lands at *New Sole* in *Kent*, and *Berningham* in *Suffolk*, a messuage and 90 acres of land. Lands in *Ersham.* Their temporalities there valued at 46*s.* 3*d.* in 1428, their temporalities in this town were valued at 29*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

The rectories of *Limpenham cum Southwood, Seething*, or *Scenges, Bodham, Loddon Holy Trinity, Rushale, Thurkelby*, and *Runworth*, in *Norfolk*, were appropriated to them; and the churches of *Heckingham, Kirkby Bedon, Langley* St. *Michael*, and *Thurton* in *Norfolk*, were wholly appropriated and served by curates; patrons also of *Burgh* St. *Margaret*, of *Blakeney cum Glanford.*

In the priory church were buried, Sir *Robert Thurgelby*, Sir *Thomas Roscelyn*, Sir *Peter Roscelyn*, Sir *Hugh Gourney*, Sir *Jeffrey Say*, Sir *Henry Lymesey*, Sir *Fulk Kerdeston*, Sir *William Kerdeston*, and *Margaret* his wife, who died in 1328, and was buried before the altar of the Holy Cross, by *Thomas de Kerdeston*, Archdeacon of *Norwich*, who died in 1226; and Sir *Roger Kerdeston*, buried in 1337, by his mother.

Sir *John de Clavering*, patron of the abbey, died in 1332, on the octaves of the Epiphany, and buried in the presbytery, on the north side.

Also Sir *John Lodnes*, Sir *Peter Egfend*, Sir *John Dunham*, Sir *Charles Carleton*, Sir *Ely Norfolk*, Sir *Charles de Jernemutha*, Sir *Robert le Grys*, Sir *Philip Weston*, Sir *William Reedham*, Sir *Robert de Vaux*, Sir *Robert Helington*, Sir *Thomas de Ufford*, Sir *John*, Sir *Robert*, Sir *Edmund*, and Sir *Thomas de Ufford*, Sir *Simon le Grys*, Sir *William de la Pole*, Sir *James de Audley*, and *Thomas Audley*, Esq. Sir *John de Mutford*, before the altar of the Holy Cross;—Sir *Robert de Benhale*, Sir *William Bowet.*

Nicholas Castell, Esq. by his will, dated *June* 10, 1490, buried by the tomb of *Elizabeth* his wife.

Here were also buried, Lady *Joan de Burgh*, died in 1332; Dame *Mary le Zouch*, mother of Sir *Robert*, son of Sir *Roger;* Dame *Joan*, wife of Sir *Robert Benhale;* Dame *Agnes*, wife of Sir *Fulke* ——; Dame *Joan*, wife of Sir *John Dunham;* Dame *Agnes Clavering*, Dame *Margaret Benhale*, Dame *Eve Audley*, Dame *Agnes*, wife of Sir *Simon Grys*, Dame *Jane*, wife of Sir *William Bowet*, daughter of Sir *Robert Ufford*, Dame *Dionysia Inglos*, wife of Sir *Henry Inglose*, Dame *Alice*, wife of Sir *Thomas Charles.*

ABBOTS.

Gilbert occurs abbot *ao.* 10 King *John,* 1209, and in 1202 probably the first abbot.

Hugh in 1233, and 1246.

Simon de Middleham, in 1254, and 1267.

Richer de Massingham, in 1269.

Thomas, about 1280.

Adam de Filby in 1290.

Jeffrey in 1324.

Robert in 1340.

In 1340, *John de Strumpeshagh,* was presented to this abbey, by *John,* the abbot of *Alnwick;* he is styled *Pater Abbatis Eccl'ie de Langley;* that is, *Langley* was a daughter of *Alnwick,* the first canons of this abbey coming from *Alnwick* priory in *Northumberland,* and he occurs in 1363.

1367, *Geffrey,* admitted abbot.

1375, *Peter,* and he occurs in 1382.

1392, *John de Norwich.*

1399, *John Walsham,* admitted.

1422, *John Waterden.*

Nicholas occurs in 1428, and in 1463.

Nicholas Wamerton, in 1467, 1474.

John, in 1482.

Walter Alpe, in 1488, and 1500.

1500, *William Kirslow.*

John, in 1513, then abbot, was collated by the Bishop of *Norwich,* to the rectory of *Chatgrave* in *Norfolk.*

Robert Walkington occurs in 1517, in which year Pope *Leo,* on the 6th of the calends of *April, ao.* pontif. 5, granted him, (then abbot) a bull to empower him to hold another abbey, and 2 ecclesiastical benefices, or 3 benefices, without the abbey's; in 1523, he was rector of *Carlton,* and in 1529, rector of *Claxton.*

The patronage of this abbey was in the lords of *Horsford.*

At the Dissolution, the abbot was found to pay every 7 weeks, 3*s.* 9*d. ob.* castle-guard to *Norwich* castle, being, held of that see, by the service of two fees.

Almost all the canons were desirous of being discharged and freed from their order, and on *June* 5, *ao.* 38 *Henry* VIII. *John Berney,* Esq. had a grant of the manor of *Langley,* late belonging to the abbey, with the site of the said abbey *Langley Granges,* with all the houses in *Langley* parish, belonging to the said monastery, messuages and lands, called *Pedhams,* and *Stayner's,* with lands in the tenure of the master and fellows of *Dunnington* college, and lands in *Ashby, Claxton, Chetgrave, Hardley, Bergh-Apton,* &c. with 30 quarters of barley, paid by tenants in *Hardley,* valued at 30*s. per ann.* also 30 quarters of barley paid by the tenants in *Langley.*

By an inquisition taken in the first year of Queen *Elizabeth, John Berney,* Esq. was found to die *January* 7, in the said year, possessed of the said manor, and site of the monastery, 10 messuages, 970 acres of land, and *Richard* was his son and heir, aged 17, by ——, daughter and heir of *Will. Floyd,* Esq. by ——, a daughter of Sir *James Hobart,* and *John* was 2d son of *Ralph Berney,* Esq. of *Gunton,* by *Anne,* daughter of *Richard Southwell,* Esq. of *Woodrising* in *Norfolk,* and sister of Sir *Robert Southwell.*

Richard Berney, Esq. son of *John,* married *Elizabeth,* daughter of *James Hobart,* Esq. of *Hales-hall* in *Loddon:* she died *April* 16, 1622, and he on *June* 27, 1615, and are buried in the church of St. *Peter's Mountergate,* in *Norwich,* where is an elegant monument erected to their memory, dying without issue, on whose death it came to *Robert Berney,* Esq. his nephew, probably.

In this family it remained, in 1742, *Richard Berney,* Esq. being then lord and patron.

The present lord of this town is Sir *William Beauchamp Proctor,* created baronet in 1744, Knight of the Bath, and knight of the shire of *Middlesex,* in parliament.

He bears for his arms, *or,* three nails, 2 and 1, *sable,* and married first, ———, daughter of *Christopher Towers,* Esq. of *Huntsmore* in *Bucks;* his present lady is daughter of *Peter Johnson,* Esq. of *Berkhamstead* in *Hertfordshire.*

Sir *Robert Fitz-Roger,* the founder, reserved (as is abovementioned) one quarter of a fee of his lordship, in his own family, which was held of it by tenants, as a lay fee.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *William Vernun, Thomas de Bergh,* &c. held it of *Robert de Benhale,* Knt. lord of *Horsford,* and *Eve* his wife, they of the Lord *Bardolf,* and that lord of the Bishop of *Norwich,* which *Robert Vernun* formerly held.

John de Langley aliened lands of this fee to the abbey, with other persons; so that the whole was in the abbot at the Dissolution.

The tenths were 5*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* deducted 1*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* the temporalities of the abbey of St. *Bennet* 49*s.* 4*d.*

The CHURCH was a rectory, dedicated to St. *Michael,* valued at 20 marks; had a manse, with 30 acres of land, in the reign of *Edward* I. paid *Peter*-pence, 9*d.* carvage 18*d.* and was appropriated to the abbey by *Roger de Skerwyng,* Bishop of *Norwich,* about 1270.

The church is a single pile, covered with lead, and the chancel with tiles, and has a square tower with bells.

In the chancel are several gravestones; one,

In memory of Susanna Curson, daughter of Thomas Curson, Esq; who died December 17, 1625.

In memory of Ann Hobart, daughter of James Hobart of Holt in Norfolk, Esq; who died in 1633.

In memory of Mary Berney, late wife of Robert Berney gent. one of the daughters of James Hobart, of Hales-Hall, Esq; aged about 78, *died July* 6, 1652.

One with an effigies in brass, with the arms of *Berney,* for,

Robert Berney, Esq; aged 79, *and died August* 23, 1628.

On the wall, near the communion table, is a marble monument,

Memoriæ sacræ ornatissimi vereq; pij viri Edw. Hobart, Armigeri;

Joh. Hobart nepos suus infinitis modis divinitissimus hæc grati animi indicia humillime dedicat. obt. 16 *Maij, A. D.* 1638, *ætat. suæ* 74: there are also several Latin verses, with the arms of *Hobart.*

In a glass window are two shields: in one a roe buck, and a buck supporting a crosier staff; in the other is a wall painted, and embattled, also a tun, being a rebus (as I take it) to set forth the benefactor of this window, &c.

Robert Walkington, abbot of *Langley,* and the said arms was in the abbot's parlour of *Langley* abbey.

In 1603, the curate returned 100 communicants.

On the Dissolution the appropriated rectory came to the Crown, and so remained till granted to the see of *Ely,* by Queen *Elizabeth,* and confirmed by act of parliament, and so remains at this time.

In the church were the lights of St. *Mary,* in St. *Mary's* chapel, of St. *John Baptist,* before whose altar the Lady *Joan,* wife of Sir *Henry de Reveshale* was buried, and that of all the martyrs, and of St. *Nicholas,* with the guilds of St. *Michael* and St. *John Baptist.*

Hermer, son of *Richard,* gives to God, and the church of the Holy *Trinity* of *Norwich* 20*s.* rent out of his mill in *Pedeham,* belonging to the manor of *Langley,* for the soul of *Richard* (prior of *Norwich*) his brother, and the souls of his father, &c. and of *Richard de Wirmegay,* his lord, to keep the anniversary of his brother *Richard* by name yearly, in the said church, and *Richard de Wirmegaye* confirmed it, the prior being his uncle; this was about 1150.[3]

LODDON.

THE abbot and convent of St. *Edmund* of *Bury* had a considerable lordship here in the reign of King *Edward;* and at the survey, when *Frodo* was enfeoffed of it, and held of the abbey, with 3 carucates of land, and 10 acres; 3 villains, 8 borderers, and 2 carucates in demean &c. and 2 among the tenants, &c. 8 acres of meadow, one mill, one runcus, 12 cows, &c. 80 sheep, and 2 skeps of bees: there were also 11 socmen, with all their customary dues, and 2 carucates, and 20 acres, valued then at 40*s.* at the survey at 4*l.* it was 14 furlongs long and 4 broad, and paid 16*d.* gelt, whoever may hold it; the soc was in the abbey,[4]

Frodo, who was enfeoffed of it, was brother of *Baldwin,* abbot of *Bury,* a *Norman,* who with his convent, granted it to him, with *Mundham* in *Norfolk, Tostock, Dunham,* and *Somerleton* in *Suffolk.*[5]

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[3] Reg. Eccl. Norw. 4. fol. 57.

[4] Terr. Abbatis de Sco' Edmundo—Lod'na ten. Frodo de abbe qd. ten. S. E. T. R. E. p. iii car. tre et x ac. sep. iii vill. tc viii bor. mo. xvi tc. ii car. in dinio. mo. iii tc. ii car. hom. mo. i silv LX por. viii ac. p'ti mo. i mol. sep. i. rune. mo. xii an. et XXX por. LXXX ov. ii vasa. ap. et ibi st. xi soc. ad omne' consuetud. xx ac. sep. ii car. tc. val. XL sol. mo. LXXX ht. xiiii qr. in long. et iv. in lat. et de g. xvid. qcq; ibi teneat sc's E. socam.

[5] Reg. Pinchebeck, ab. Bur'. 179. Consuetudinar. abbat. penes Dom'. Baron. Cornwallis Ao. 1728, Lib. Nig. vestiar. Bur.

Alfric, called *Modercope*, a noble *Saxon* hero, is said to have given it to the abbey, in the time of the Confessor.

Goscelinus de Lodnes held it under *Frodo* with 5 knights fees and a half.

It is also said in *Register Pinchebeck* of this abbey, that *Britulinus alias Britulfus*, son of *Leomar*, was lord of *Cheventon, Saxham, Dunham, Tostoke*, and *Somerletun* in King *Edward's* time; and that King *William*, on his death, gave it to the abbey, and to *Baldwin* the abbot, to give to *Frodo* his brother, and among his followers (*Frenchmen*) to serve St. *Edmund*, whenever they were summoned; and that the abbot by the King's command gave *Frodo, Dunham, Fostook*, and *Somerleton*, to hold of St. *Edmund* and the King, and to find soldiers; and that *Chevington* and *Saxham* being near to the monastery, the abbot held them in his own hands, for the use of his church, and gave *Lodne* and *Mendham*, which lay at a distance, to *Frodo*: they being given to the abbey by *Alfric Modercoppe*, with *Thurwineham*, in the time of *Edward* the Confessor, and *Alfric* the Bishop.

Aldbold, abbot of *Bury*, gave to *O———*, late wife of *Gosceline de Lodne*, about 1110, in fee, the land that *Gosceline* held at his death, paying for the land at *Thurston*, 20*s. per ann.* to the sacrist; witnesses, *Gilbert Blund, Gilbert*, son of *Frodo*, &c.

Jeffrey de Lodne (probably) son of *Gosceline*, was living in the reign of King *Henry* I. and *Jordan*, son of *Jeffrey*, was lord in the time of King *Stephen*, and granted lands here by deed; witnesses, *Roger de Watchetune, Richard de Thorpe, Henry de Hemenhale*; his seal, a man armed cap-a-pee, on horseback, his sword drawn in his right hand, and a shield in his left.

Ralph de Lodne, with the consent of *Gosceline*, his son, gave by deed *sans date* to the nunnery of *Wykes* in *Essex*, with *Beatrice* his daughter, the tithe of his house and land at *Preston* in *Suffolk*: this was in the time of *William* (*Turbe*) Bishop of *Norwich*, as appears by the deed, and in the reign of *Henry* II.

In the 10th of King *John, Hubert de Randeston* sued *Jeffrey de Lodne*, for a carucate of land in *Ratelesden*, of his inheritance, which *William* his brother held in the reign of *Henry* II. *Jeffrey* pleaded that he had the land by the marriage of the daughter of *Hervey de Glanvile*; so that *Robert de Creke*, who married the daughter of *William de Glanvile*, ought to warrant it.

Thomas, son of *William*, son of *Herbert*, grants to *Roger*, son of *Jeffrey de Lodne*, by deed *sans date*, houses and lands, which *Roger de Siseland* and *Stonilde* his wife, held of him; witnesses, *Jeffrey de Lodne*, and *John* his son, *Gilbert de Elingham, Roger de Hales*, and *William*, his son, *Alan de Hekingham*, &c. the seal, a man in complete armour on a horse in full speed, without a bridle, with a drawn sword, and on his shield a cross pattee.

Jeffrey de Lodne was a steward to the priory of *Norwich*, 1242, and in the preceding year, *Robert*, son of *Gilbert de Walsham*, had granted to him by fine, from *Geff.* the service of one knight's fee in *Lodne, Langley*, &c. *Roger* paying 6*s. per ann.* and 16*s.* when the scutage was at 20*s.*

Gosceline de Lodne, who was lord, dying in ——— left a son,

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[*] Lib. Nig. Reg. Abb. fol. 119.

Goscelin, who dying *s.p.* his five sisters were his heirs; *Alice*, or *Amitia*, who married *William de Beaucham*; 2d, *Agnes* married *William de Ryvill*; 3d, *Susan*, married to *Hugh de Somerton*; 4th, *Emma* to *Ralph de Hoo*; and 5th, *Lescilina*, to *Peter de Brokeley*: yet the family of the *Lodnes* (as some collateral branch) had an interest in the town after this, and Sir *John de Lodne* was living in the reign of *Edward* I. and held lands here, also *William*, his son.

Letitia, widow of Sir *Robert de Lodne*, granted lands in *Syseland* and *Mundham*, to *John de Gales* rector of *Syseland* in the 2d of *Edward* III. by her deed: she is represented in her seal standing, holdin her right hand a shield, checquy, and a chief; in her left, a shield checquy and a bend over all; the one probably the arms of *Tateshall*, the other of *Clifton*.

CHARLES'S MANOR.

Alicia, who married *William Beauchamp*, on a division of *Gosceline's* estate, had besides her own part, the part of her sister *Agnes*, who with her husband, *William de Ryvill*, granted it to her, and her husband, *William de Beauchamp*.

John de Beauchamp, their descendant, granted by fine, his interest therein, to *Edward*, son of Sir *William Charles*,[7] and *Alice* his wife, with 5*l*. annual rent in *Lodne*, *Heckingham*, *Langley*, &c. and the advowson of *Lodne*, *Quidenham*, *Norton*, *Akele*, &c. in the 16th of *Edward* I.

In the 48th of *Henry* III. Sir *William Charles* had a grant of free warren in all his lands in this town, *Siseland*, *Mundham*, &c. and in the following year, that of a weekly mercate on *Friday*, and an annual fair at *Loddon*, and his son *Edward* claimed the said liberties in the 15th of *Edward* I.

To this *Edward*, and *Alice* his wife, *Henry de Hales*, and *Trista de Ketelburgh* surrender by fine, the manor of *Milton* in *Northamptonshire*: remainder to *William* their son; by this it seems that *Alice* was daughter and heir of ——— *de Ketelburgh*, lord of that town, in *Suffolk*.

Edward had also other younger sons; *Robert*, *Edmund*, and *Edward*.

William, son of *William Charles*, lord in the reign of *Edward* II.

Edward Charles, in the 3d of *Edward* III. is said to hold it of the abbot of *Langley*, and of *Robert de Inglos*, valued at 20*l*. *per ann.* and *Edward* was his son and heir.

In the year 1400, Sir *Robert Charles* was lord of this town, and of *Kettleburgh*: in this year he died, and gives to *Anne* his wife, the lordships of *Kettleburgh*, *Syseland*, and *Eston*, with the advowson of *Thweyte*,[8] paying 20*l*. *per ann.* to *Thomas*, his eldest son, and she to have the education of his son *Robert*: his will is dated on the feast of St. *Peter* 1400, and was buried in the chapel of *Ketelburgh* church, by the tomb of his father.

In the 7th of *Henry* V. Sir *Thomas Charles*, Knt. died, and *Thomas* was found to be his son and heir, aged 15: this *Thomas*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, conveyed, about the 20th of *Henry* VI. the manor of *Syseland*, with lands in *Lodne*, &c. to *John* Duke of *Norfolk*, &c.

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[7] Charles, son of William de Jernemuth, or Yermouth, ancestor of the family, granted by deed s. d. to the abbot of Langley, that having given him license to have a chapel in his manor-house here, it should not be prejudicial to their church of Loddon, but that all oblations &c. should be paid to the mother church.

[8] Reg. Harsyke, Norw. fol. 269.

William de la Pole Earl of *Suffolk* is also said to have bought of *Thomas Charles*, Esq. and *Ralph de How*, for 1850 marks, this lordship, 600 acres of land, 40 of meadow, 300 of pasture, 20 of wood, in *Loddon*, &c. to *John Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk;* and his descendants, the *Howards*, held it.

Susan, the third daughter and coheir, married *Hugh de Somerton; Ralph* his son left two daughters and coheirs, *Alice*, married to *Ralph de Bokenham*, and *Lucy* to *Nicholas de Shurford*.

Hugh, son of *Ralph de Bokenham* and *Alice*, claimed, as heir to *Gosceline de Lodne*, in the 27th of *Edward* I. an interest in the advowson of the church of *Okle* by *Eye* in *Suffolk*.

Godfrey de Albeney, guardian of *Ralph*, son of *Hugh de Bukenham*, gave eleven pounds to have the seventh part of the inheritance of *Gosc. de Lodnes* which *Ralph* held, in the 5th of King *John*.[9]

Emma, the fourth daughter and coheir, married *Ralph de Hoo*, who was descended from *Reyner*, a *Norman;* this *Ralph* was father of *Reyner*, who had two sons, *Ralph*, and *William de Hoo*, *Ralph* enfeoffed his brother *William*, in his part of this manor, and was father of *John de Hoo*, who claimed an interest in the patronage of *Okle* aforesaid, *A*°. 27 *Edward* I. in the 9th of *Edward* II. *Lettice de Howe*, and *John de Howe* held it.

Lescelina, the fifth daughter and coheir of *Gosceline de Lodne*, married *Peter de Brokeley*, father of *Reginald de Brokeley*, whose daughter and heir, *Lucy*, married first *John de Cramavil*, and to her second husband, *John Algar*, who with his wife *Lucia* conveyed several messuages, and lands, with 6 marks rent *per ann.* in this town, *Hardele*, *Hales*, *Langele*, &c. to *Henry de Riveshale;* and about the said time, in the 44th of *Henry* III. *James de Neketon*, as a trustee, settled on the said *Henry*, and *Amicia* in tail, a messuage, land and 6 marks rent here, &c.; this was held by the lady *Reveshale* in the 20th of *Edward* III.

The abbot of *Langley* had a considerable interest also in this lordship. After the death of *Gosceline*, the Earl of *Oxford* is said to have held of the abbot of *Bury* the five knights fees and a half, that he held, and *Gosceline's* descendants held their parts of the said Earl.

In the 20th of *Henry* III. the abbot, *Ralph de Howe*, &c. were found to hold them of the Earl of *Oxford*, and he of the abbot of *Bury*, who held *in capite*.

In the 10th of King *John*, the abbot had the 4th part of the advowson in his own right, and had 3 other parts then conveyed to him by fine, and in the 6th of *Henry* VI. he paid suit to the Earl of *Oxford's* manor of *Castle Heveningham* in *Essex* for his lands here.

In 1428, the temporalities of the abbot were valued at 10*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*

After the Dissolution it was granted *August* 16th, in the 32d of King *Henry* VIII. to *Thomas Godsalve*, Esq. and *John* his son.

Henry de Stubbs had an interest, or part of a fee here, in *Norton*, &c. which he surrendered by fine in the 24th of *Henry* III. to *Jeffrey de Lodne:* the family took their name from a place called *Stubbs* in this town.

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[9] Rot. Pip. Norf. Ao. 5. Johs.

Geff. de Stubbs gave lands here to *Langley* abbey, *Henry de Stubbs*, son of *Adam*, conveyed also lands at *Stubbs*, to *Geff. de Lodne*, with rents; this appears to be held of the Earls of *Oxford*, of *Bury* fee.

Sir *John de Lodne*, in the 15th of *Edward* I. claimed free-warren in his manor of *Stubbs*. This came afterwards into the abbey of *Langley*, and was granted with their lordship, to *Thomas* and *John Godsalve*, as above.

Roger Godsalve sold it to *Robert Hobart*, Gent. in the 11th of *James* I. and *Hobert* to Sir *Robert Breton*, in the 15th of that King.

The *Charnels* had also a part of *Gosceline's* manor. *Ernald de Charnels* granted his right of patronage in the church of *Loddon* to the abbot of *Langley*, in the 10th of King *John*, and in the 19th of *Henry* III. *Peter de Rysing* and *Joan* his wife resigning all their right in a tenement formerly *Gosceline's*, to *Thomas de Charnels*: *Joan* was daughter of *Baldwin Charnels*.

BACON'S MANOR.

ULURIC, a freeman of Earl *Guert*, or *Guerd*, brother of King *Harold*, was lord of this manor in the reign of the Confessor: this was granted to *Robert Grenon*; and *Osbert* held it under him at the survey.

In *Uluric's* time it consisted of a carucate and a half, 2 villains, 12 borderers, one servus, 2 carucates in demean, 2 carucates among the tenants, &c. 4 acres of meadow, the moiety of a mill, 3 saddle horses in the manor-house, 4 cows, and a 100 sheep: there was a socman with 10 acres, and among the whole a carucate, valued then at 20*s.* at the survey at 40*s.* and Earl *Ralph* had the soc, and there were 4 acres of land more in this town, included in the value aforesaid of 40*s.*[1]

This lordship was called *Bacon's*, from the lords of it; the ancestor of the family was *Grimbald*, a *Norman*, lord of *Letheringset*, *Baconsthorp*, and this manor, in a few years after the survey; *Ralph*, his second son, assumed the name of *Bacon*, and was father of *George Bacon*, who gave lands at *Lodne* to *Maud*, widow of Sir *Roger de Hales*; of this family was *Richard Bacon*, who gave lands in this town in the time of *Henry* II. to *Bungey* priory in *Suffolk*, and *Roger Bacon*, witness to a deed of lands in *Kirkeby* in King *John's* reign.

George Bacon aforesaid, is said to have been father of *Thomas* who dying *s. p. Roger* his father, succeeded him. *Agnes*, widow of his brother *Thomas*, sued this *Roger* for distraining her tenants in this town, and *Baconsthorp*, in the 5th of *Henry* III.

In the 29th of *Henry* III. *Thomas Bacon* had a grant of a weekly mercate and fair here; and in the 32d of that King, *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk* granted him by fine, liberty to hold the same on paying to *Roger* 20*s. per ann.* he being sued by the Earl, as the mercate here was prejudicial to the Earl's mercate at *Bungey*.

George Bacon of *Lodne*, impleaded in the 51st of the said King,

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[1] Terre Rod'bti Grenonis——In Lothna ten. Osbert. qd. ten. Uluric. lib ho'. sub. Gert. T.R.E. i car. tre. et dim. sep. ii vill. et xii bor. tc. i ser. sep. ii car. in d'nio. tc. et p' i car. houm. mo. i et dim. silv. xx por. et iiii ac. p'ti. et dim. mol. mo. iii eq. in aula. et iiii an. tc. c. ov. mo. LX. tc. x por. mo. xxi et i soc. de x ac. sep. i car. int. o'es te. et p'. val. xx sol. mo. XL R. Comes soca'. —— In Lothaham iiii ac. tre in p'tio st. XL sol.

Symon, abbot of *Langley*, for taking his toll from him in this fair for 9 years past, belonging to his manor, granted to him for two days on the eve and day of St. *Martin; George* dying *s. p. Roger* his brother inherited it, and claimed freewarren in the 15th of *Edward* I.

In the 8th of *Edward* III. Sir *Roger Bacon* settled it on his son *Thomas's* marriage with *Joan*, daughter of *Roger de Antingham.*

John Bacon, Esq.[2] was lord in 1426, and dying 1462, left by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *Robert Baynard, Thomas*, his son and heir, who by *Margery* his wife, daughter of *John Jenney*, had two daughters and coheirs: *Elizabeth*, married to Sir *John Glemham*, of *Glemham Parva* in *Suffolk;* and *Anne* to *Robert Garneys* of *Kenton*, in *Suffolk*, Esq.

Sir *Johh Glemham*, Esq. died seized of a moiety of this lordship, *October* 15, *ao.* 29 *Henry* VIII. as did *Christopher* his son, *October* 18, *ao.* 4 of *Ed.* VI. leaving *Thomas* his son and heir, by *Margery*, daughter of Sir *Richard Wentworth* of *Nettlestead* in *Suffolk*, aged 16.

This *Thomas* married *Amy*, daughter of Sir *Henry Parker*, and sold his moiety to Sir *Thomas Gresham.*

Tho. Garneys died lord of a moiety in the 9th of *Elizabeth*, leaving *Elizabeth* his daughter and heir, aged 11 years; she married *Philip Strettey*, Esq. of *Nottinghamshire*, and by their deed, dated *November* 2, *ao.* 27 of *Elizabeth*, sold it to *John Weld* of *London*, haberdasher; and Sir*Thomas Gresham* conveyed the other moiety, which he bought of *Thomas Glemham*, Esq. *January* 14, *ao.* 5 of *Elizabeth*, to the said *John Weld*, on *April* 22, *ao.* 23d *Elizabeth*, so that *Weld* was lord of the whole manor.

John Weld, Esq. in the 18th of *Elizabeth*, sold it to *Elizabeth*, late wife of *Richard Berney*, Esq. who leased it to *Anthony Hobart* of *Hales Hall*, Esq. for 60 years at 60*l. per ann.*

INGLOSE'S MANOR.

At the time of the survey there was another lordship also which *Robert*, son of *Corbun*, was rewarded with, at the conquest, and which *Humphrey* held of *Robert* at the survey. *Aluric*, a freeman, held it under Archbishop *Stigand* in King *Edward's* time, when it consisted of a carucate and half of land, one villain, 3 borderers, one servus, and there was one carucate and a half in demean, &c. one and a half among the tenants, &c. the moiety of a mill, 4 acres of meadow, 40 sheep, &c. 4 socmen also, with 12 acres and a carucate and a half of land, &c. valued at 20*s.* at the survey at 30*s.*

Humphrey held also a small fee under the said *Robert*, half a carucate which the abbot of *Holm* claimed; and the hundred witnessed it to be the abbot's.

There was near to this town of *Loddon*, a village or a hamlet called *Golosa*, which the said *Aluric* held under *Stigand*, and on his deprivation was granted to *Robert*, son of *Corbun*, and held of him by *Humphrey*. In *Aluric's* time there was one carucate of land, 3 villains, and 3 borderers, one carucate in demean, one among the tenants, one horse valued at 20*s.* and 9 socmen held 20 acres with three carucates before the conquest, then valued at 7*s.* but at the survey at 10*s.* the King and the Earl had the soc.[3]

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[2] Of the family of Bacons, see at large in Baconsthorp.

These lordships came, on the death of *Robert,* son of *Corbun,* as an escheat to the Crown, and were granted by King *William* II. to *William de Albini,* (the King's butler, lord of *Rysing* castle, &c.) ancestor of the Earls of *Arundel.*

The ancient family of *De Inglose,* held then under the *Albinys* Earls of *Arundel,* and may be justly supposed to take their name from *Golosa,* afterwards corruptly called *Inglose,* the town being some ages past demolished, and the lands belonging to it now making part of the parish of *Loddon.*

William de Inglose was lord, and living in the 10th of King *John,* and had *Hervey* his son.

Martin de Inglose, son of *Hervey,* held a knight's fee in the 34th of *Henry* III. and was impleaded for not taking that degree.[4] *Reginald de Inglose* appears to be son of *Martin,* by a deed, sans date; and *John,* son of *Reginald,* quitclaimed to the abbot of *Langley* all seigniory over his land in *Lodne,* formerly *Dogget's,* and *Jeffrey de Lodnes,* in homages, reliefs, &c. except 3*l.* 11*d. ob.* rent, to be paid by him, and scutage.

This *John* was found to hold his lordship of the castle of *Rysing.*

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the jury present that the lands, late *Martin de Inglose,* were held in *Inglos,* by the fourth part of a fee, of *Robert de Monte Alto,* lord of *Rysing.*

In the said year, *Nicholas Hovell,* and *Joan* his wife, convey to *Robert de Inglose,* and *Joan* his wife, a messuage and land, here, in *Mundham,* &c. and *Ralph de Howe,* in the 25th of that King, granted lands in *Lodne,* which extended towards *Inglose,* to *Ralph de Inglose. Alice,* widow of this last *Ralph,* was living in the 5th of *Edward* II. and daughter of Sir *Richard de Cadomo.* About this time, *John de Inglose,* and *Robert* his son, were living.

Sir *Robert de Inglose,* in the 11th of *Edward* III. by deed, released lands in *Long Stratton,* and sealed with three bars gemelle, and on a canton 8 billets; and *Joan* his wife living then.

John de Inglose was lord in the 20th of the said King, and in his 42d year, *Henry,* son of Sir *John de Inglose,* sold by fine, the manor of *Inglose-Hall,* in *Lodne,* and 11*s.* rent, which *Dionysia,* widow of Sir *John* had for life, to *William de Brundale* and his heirs.

Anne, late wife of Sir *Henry Inglose,* held it in the 18th of *Richard* II. in 1389, she presented to the church of *Siseland,* in *Norfolk;* and in 1396, *Henry Inglose* presented, and in 1416, and by his feoffees in 1418.

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[3] T're. Robti filij Corbutionis——In Lothna ten. Humfrid. quam. ten. Aluric. lib. ho. T. R. E. sub Stigando i car. t're. et dim. et sep. i vill. et iii bor. et i ser. i car. et dim. p. i mo. i et dim. in d'nio. tc. i car. et dim. ho'um. p. et mo. i silva ad xii por. et dim. mol. et iiii ac. p'ti. tc. l ovs. mo. lv tc. xiii mo. xiiii por. et iiii soc. de xii ac. t're. tc. intr. omnes i car. et dim. p. et mo. i tc. val. xx sol. p. et mo. xxx——In Lotna ten. Humf. sub. R. dim. car. t're. quam. calumnr. S'cs. B. de Hulmo et hundr. testatr. qd. fuit——S'ci. Ben. in d'nio.——T're. Robti. filij Corbutionis——In Golosa ten. ide' quam tenuit Uluric. i car. tre. sub Stigando. sep. iii vill. et iii bor. sep. in d'nio. i car. tc. i car. ho'um. p. et mo. i et dim. silv. iiii par. sep. i eqs. sep. val. xx sol. et ix soc. sub eo de xx ac. tc. iii car. p. et mo. ii tc. val. vii sol. mo. x sol. R. et C. soca.

[4] Reg. Abbat. de Langley, fol. 96.

Sir *Henry Inglose*, Knt. by his will, dated *June* 20, 1451,[5] and proved *July* 4 following, desires to be buried in the presbytery of *Horsham* priory, by *Anne* his wife, who was the daughter and heir of *Robert Gyney* of *Haverland*, by *Margaret* his wife, daughter and heir of *John Fastolf*, Esq. gives to the priory of *Mountjoy* in *Haverland* 40*s*. to the vicar of *Haverland*, for tithes forgot, 26*s*. 8*d*. to the repair of St. *Martin's* church, by the palace in *Norwich*, 20*s*. to Sir *John Colvyle* and *Anne* his wife, a legacy (she was his daughter,) to *Anne*, daughter of *Edward Wichingham*, at her marriage, 10*l*. to *Henry Inglose*, Esq. his eldest son, the manors of *Dilham*, *Lodne*, and *Washingford* in *Norfolk*, and *Ashby* in *Suffolk*; to *Robert* his 2d son, the manors of *Haverland*, *Brandeston*, and *Causton* in *Norfolk*; to his daughter *Margaret Beaupre*, a legacy, and orders his lordship of *Bokenham Ferry*, *North Walsham*, *Helmingham*, called *Bryan's*, *Rakeheigh*, *Hoothgate*, *Mundham*, called *Mauclerk's*, and *Sprouston* in *Norfolk*, *Gunton* and *Hopton* in *Suffolk*, and *Pykworth* in *Rutlandshire*, to be sold by his executors,[6] *Edward Wichingham*, *Robert Inglos*, and *John Parham*, clerk, to pay his debts; and the manors of *Hedenham* and *Killing*, to the Lady —— *Ilketeshale*, for life, the reversion to his executors, to perform his will, and the advowsons of the churches of *Filby*, *Boton*, *Baldeswell*, *Grymston*, *Syseland*, and *Gunton*, to be sold.

Henry Inglose, Esq. son of Sir *Henry*, inherited it, and died possessed of it, &c. with the manor of *Bykar* in *Lincolnshire*, on *September* 20, *ao*. 8th of *Henry* VIII. and *Henry* was found to be his son and heir, aged 18, who died *Sept*. 25, 17th *Henry* VIII. seized of this lordship, *Washingford*, &c.

In the 24th of that King, *Robert Holditch* had it conveyed by fine to him, from *Francis Thyrkill*.

In the 23d of *Henry* VIII. *Thomas Godsalve*, Esq. possessed it, and his son, Sir *John Godsalve*, died lord on *November* 20, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, held by the 20th part of a fee of *Rysing* castle, and the rent of 33*s*. *ob. per ann.* *William* his son succeeded, and died in the 4th of *Elizabeth*, and *Thomas Godsalve* died *Aug*. 12, *ao*. 30 *Eliz*.

Roger Godsalve aliened it *December* 1, *ao*. 11 of *James* I. to *Robert Hobart*, Gent. and in the 15th of the said King, *Robert* conveyed it to Sir *Robert Breton*, on *February* 20.

Godric, the King's sewer, or steward, had a small fee in *Loddon*, which 2 freemen of *Edwin*, who possessed it in the reign of the Confessor, were deprived of, containing 24 acres and a carucate of land.

Godric had also a lordship in a town or hamlet near to *Loddon*, called *Wasingeford*, in the Book of *Domesday*, of which a freeman of *Edwin* was also deprived, containing 30 acres; 2 borderers belonged to it, and the soc was in the lord of the hundred.[7]

Edwin held also 6 freemen here, who were deprived of 16 acres, with 2 carucates and 4 acres of meadow, and a mill.

Both these fees came as an escheat to the Crown, on the death of

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[5] See in Dilham and Haverland.

[6] Reg. Betyn's Norw. fo. 62.

[7] Terre Godrici Dapiferi—In Lodna ii libi. ho'es. ejusd. (viz. Eduini) de xxiiii ac. tc. et p. i car. mo. dim. In Wasingeford i lib. ho. ejusd' xxx ac. et ii bord. soca in hund. et sub. eo vi libi. ejusd. xvi ac. sep. ii car. iiii ac. p'ti. et i mol.

Godric, and were granted to *William de Albini*, ancestor of the Earls of *Arundel.*

There was an ancient family that took their name from this town, which is demolished; but there are lands in the parish of *Loddon* going by that name.

This lordship of *Washingford* was held by the *Ingloses.* Sir *Henry de Inglose* died seized of it in 1451; and in the same family it remained, and passed from them, with the manor of *Inglose*, as may be there seen, to which it was united.

The manor of *Hales*, called *Loddon-Hales*, extended into this town, which belonged to the *Bigots* Earls of *Norfolk.*

In *Hales-hall* lived Sir *James Hobart*, the attorney-general to *Henry* VII. and his descendants; which hall was, it seems, in this parish of *Loddon.* See in *Hales*, in *Clavering* hundred.

The tenths of this town were 10*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.* Deducted 3*l.*

In the 10th of King *John* a fine was levied of the 3 parts of the advowson of this church, between *Gilbert*, abbot of *Langley*, querent, *Roger Bacun*,[8] *Walter de Raveningham*, *Reyner de Ho*, *Ernald de Charnells*, *William de Inglose*, *Reginald de Brokele*, and *Ralph de Bello Campo*, deforcients, whereby they grant their 3 parts to the abbot, who had the fourth part, belonging to the fee of *Josceline de Lodne.*

The abbot being in possession of the patronage, had it appropriated to him, and a vicarage was appointed, of which he had the patronge. In the reign of *Edward* I. it appears that there were two carucates of land, with a manse or house, belonging to this appropriated rectory, and that he had all the small tithes of the men or tenants, belonging to the manor of *Robert de Lodne*, with the oblations at the Cross; that the rectory was taxed at 25 marks.

The vicar had a manse with 30 acres, valued at 6 marks. *Peter-pence*, 2*s.* carvage 18*d.* but had no oblations or tithes (of the men) of the manor abovementioned, and he administered all sacramets.

VICARS.

In 1303, *Alan Atte Herne* was instituted vicar, presented by the abbot of *Langley*; but in 1311, on the 6th of the ides of *January*, *John Salmon* Bishop of *Norwich*, united and consolidated this vicarage to the abbot.

At the Dissolution, the appropriated rectory and vicarage, which was consolidated and united to it, came to the Crown; the rectory remained there some time; but in 1581, *Henry Wesco* was presented to the vicarage by Queen *Elizabeth.*

In 1603, he returned 240 communicants.

In 1607, *Robert Plumstead*, vicar, presented by the King.

1608, *Edward Hareward*, presented by *Martin*, Bishop of *Ely.*

On an exchange of lands made by Queen *Elizabeth*, and the see of *Ely*, this appropriated rectory, and the patronage of the vicarage, came to that see.

1613, *John Martyn*, by the Bishop of *Ely.*

1670, *William Fuller.* Ditto.

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[8] Reg. Langl. Abbat. fol. 95.

1702, *Samuel Conold*, by the Bishop of *Ely*.
1759, *William Manning*, by the Bishop of *Ely*.

The Church was dedicated to the Holy *Trinity*. In the old church I find a legacy granted to build a new font in 1487, and to a new battlement of the steeple, in 1500.

In it were the guilds of *Corpus Christi*, and of our Lady, St. *Margaret's* tabernacle, and St. *Christopher's* image.

Sir *Edward Charles* buried here in 1329.

Robert Spooner of *Bongey* gave a tenement and lands to keep his *obit*, on the vigil of St. *Andrew;* the tenement was called *Walbis*, and with the lands, &c. that lay in this town.[9]

In the churchyard was the chapel of St. *Mary*, to which there belonged a custos in 1289. *Elias*, son of *Warine de Heckingham*, gave to God, and the chapel of St. *Mary*, founded in the churchyard of *Lodnes*, lands in that town, by deed, *sans* date. *Thomas*, son of *John Le Signur, de Lodnes*, gave also lands. *Reg. Langl. Abb. fol.* 54.

The present church was built by Sir *James Hobart*, in the reign of King *Henry* VII. and *Margaret* his wife, who died before him, was there buried in 1492; and is a beautiful building.

In the north chapel, by the chancel, on an altar marble, several brass plates, with the arms, and two figures, now disrobed,

In memory of Henry Hobart, Esq;

Near to this, on a gravestone, with brass plates, the effigies of a woman, and

Pray for the soule of Anne Hobart, late wife of Henry Hobart, Esq; daughter of Sir John Fyneaux, knight, chief judge of England, which Anne departed the last day of Octr. 1530, *on whose Soule, Jesu have mercy.*

Also the arms of *Hobart* and *Fineaux, vert,* a chevron, between three eaglets displayed, and crowned, *or.*

On a gravestone, in the chancel near the north wall, the effigies of two persons in winding sheets;

Of your charity pray for the soule of Dame Catherine Sampson, late wife of Sir Thomas Sampson, knight, and late the wife of John Blomvile, Esq; April 18, 1546; with the arms of *Blondeville*, impaling *Hobart.*

On a stone,

Here lyeth buried before the blessed image of —— ———, Master Walter Hobart, son of Sir Walter, and Lady Anne Hobart.

In the parish of *Lodnes*, there was also a chapel belonging to *Charles*, son of *William* of *Gernemuth*, who obliged himself to the canons of *Langley*, that the chapel which they granted to his court in *Lodnes*, should be maintained by him and his successours, in all things, without detriment to the parish church.[1]

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[9] Regist. Popy, Norw. fol. 407.

[1] Reg. Abbat. Langley, fol. 94.

LANGALE, AND KIRKSTED.

In the Book of *Domesday*, both these villages are accounted for, and stand under the hundred of *Loddon*, where we find, that they belonged to the abbot of *Bury*, given (as I take it) to that abbey by *Toli*, the sheriff of *Norfolk*, in King *Edward* the Confessor's time, with *Brook* in this hundred.

The abbot had in *Langhale* and *Kirsted*, 27 socmen, with 2 carucates and a half, and 10 acres of land, 2 villains, and 11 borderers, and 6 carucates, and 8 acres of meadow, valued in *Brook*; a church endowed with 15 acres, valued at 16*d.*[2]

Langhale is one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, pays 16*d.* gelt, whoever may possess it.

This lordship, in 1428, was valued at 4*s.* 9*d. ob. q.* and belonged to the chamberlain of that abbey.

At the Dissolution it was granted (as I take it) to *Thomas Godsalve*, Esq.

Another lordship at the survey in the town of *Langhale*, was possessed by *Isaac*, who had a grant of the land which a freeman held under the protection of *Tolj*, the sheriff, in King *Edward's* reign, containing one carucate of land, and one in demean, and another might be recovered; and 5 freemen under him, 8 acres, and 3 borderers; half a carucate, valued then at 7*s.* at the survey at 10*s.*[3]

Gundreda, Countess of *Norfolk*, wife of *Hugh* Earl of *Norfolk*, in the reign of King *Stephen*, during her coverture, purchased a knight's fee in *Langhale*, of *Hubert*, son of *Rowland*, for 60 marks, which *Roger*, son of Earl *Hugh*, recovered against her after his father's death according to the judgment of the law, whereby a wife cannot purchase any land, &c. to herself during her husband's life.

This was held of the Earl of *Norfolk*, by *Rodland*, and *Baldwin*, *Le Pettour*, or *the farter*, by serjeanty, the lord being obliged by his tenure to come into *Westminster-Hall*, or where-ever the King was, and there to take a leap, cry hem, and let a fart, *(per saltum, sufflatum, et pettum)* before the King on *Christmas* yearly.

In the 7th year of King *John*, *Alexander de Brompton*, and *Agnes* his wife, gave account of 15 marks, to have the manor of *Hemmingston* in *Suffolk*, which *Jeffrey*, son of *Huberts*, brother of *Agnes* held, whose heir she was, without any partition to her sisters; that manor being held by grand serjeanty, and formerly belonged to *Rodland* and *Baldwin Le Pettour*, as above specified: and this manor of *Langhale* was a part or a member of *Hemmingston*.

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[2] In Langhala et in Kerchestuna xxvii soc. ii car. et dim. tre. et x ac. et ii vill. et xi bor. sep. vi car. et viii ac. p'ti. app'tiati st. in Broc. ecclie xii ac. val. xvid. Langhala ht. i leu. in long. et dim. in lat. et de gelto xvid. q'cq; ibi teneat.

[3] Terre Isaac——In Langahala i lib. ho'. Tohlj Vice comitis comd. T. R. E. i car. tre. sep. i car. in d'nio. sed posset alia restaurarj. et v sub eo lib. ho'es viii ac. tre. et iii bor. et dim. car. tc. val. viii sol. mo. x.

Besides what the family of *Le Pettour* held here, *William l'Enveyse* held a part of it by the King's consent, and *Richard de Senges* had a part, in the 3d of *Henry* III. *viz.* 20 acres of the Earl of *Norfolk*, by the 20th part of a fee, valued at half a mark *per ann.*

Pauline Peyvere, one of the King's justices, had also an interest in *Langhale*, and held the 3d part of a fee, of which he enfeoffed *William*, his younger son, in the 35th of *Henry* III. held of the Earl of *Norfolk:* of this *Pauline* see in *Thorp Market, North Erpingham* hundred.

In the 9th of *Edward* II. *Maud Peyvere* held it; and in the 14th of *Edward* III. *Phil. Peyvere* was witness to a deed of lands in this town of *Langhale.*

In the 13th of *Edward* I. *Roger Mynoth* was lord of a manor, called from him *Miniot's*, and had then a grant of free-warren in *Kirksted*, and *Seething* in *Norfolk;* — *Hengham, Bramford,* and *Stonham Antigon* in *Suffolk;*—*Middleton, Kneton, Newsome, Broughton-Hithe* in *Yorkshire:* and in the 20th of *Edward* III. *Jeffrey Miniot* was lord.

Catherine, daughter and heir of - - - - *Myniot* and *Ellen* his wife, brought it by marriage to *Nicholas Gavel*, Esq. of *Kirby Cam:* in the reign of *Edward* III. *Robert* his son was lord.

Thomas Gavel, Esq. the last heir male of this family, left it at his death to his four daughters and heirs.

John Cook and *Elizabeth* his wife, one of the said daughters and coheirs, sold his part in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. to *Thomas Godsalve*, sen. Esq.

Francis Clopton, Esq. and *Dorothy* his wife, another of the four daughters, &c. convey in the 37th of *Henry* VIII. to *John Everard*, Esq. their right: and in the 22d of *Elizabeth, John Copledike,* Esq. had license to alien this manor of *Kirksted Miniot's*, to *William Roberts* of *Winston* and his heirs: this *John* was son and heir of *Leonard Copledike*, Esq. and *Thomasine* his wife, another of the daughters and coheirs of *Thomas Gavel.*

Roger Godsalve sold his interest in it to the said *William Roberts*, an attorney, about the 40th of *Elizabeth*, who was lord of the whole; and on his death it came to Mr. *Smith* of *Beccles* in right of his wife, sister and heir of *Roberts.*

Smith conveyed it to *Thomas Spooner*, Gent. who presented as lord to this church in 1626.

After this it came to the *Osborns.*

In 1677, *Edmund Osborn* was lord, and presented: and in 1701, *Edward Osborne*, Esq.

Robert Osborn, Gent. died lord of *Kirsted-Hall*, in 1729.

The tenths were 3*l.* 11*s.*—Deducted 17*s.*

St. *Faith's* temporalities in *Kirsted* 6*d.*; *Sibton* abbey's in *Langhale* and *Kirsted* 2*s.* 3*d.*

The abbot of *Langley* had also in *Langhale* and *Kirsted*, a considerable lordship.

Roger, son of Sir *Richard de Senges*, Knt. confirmed to this abbey, by deed *sans date,* all the lands and tenements which they held of the grants of his ancestors, or of any other, of his father's fee, in *Langhale, Kirksted, Senges,* and *Mundham;* to hold quietly from all homages, rents, &c. so that no manner of profit should come from them to him, and his heirs, except 6*d.* rent for the tenement of *Barth. de Upgate;* witnesses, Sir *William de Senges, Jeff. de Lodne, William*, son of *Charles.*

In the 20th of *Henry* III. the abbot also held a quarter of a fee of the Earl of *Norfolk*, of his manor of *Forncet*.

William de Hemenhale gave, in the 41st of *Henry* III. to *Simon*, the abbot, a messuage, with 2 carucates of land, 3 acres of wood, in *Langhale* and *Wootton*.

The temporalities of this abbey in 1428 in *Langhale* and *Kirsted*, were valued at 8*l*. 4*s*. 1*d*. *ob*.

At the Dissolution it was granted to *Thomas Godsalve*, Esq. and continued in that family, till on *December* 3, *A*°. 4 of *James* I.

Owen Shephard, Gent. had a grant to himself and heirs of *Langhale* manor, with all its appertenances, lately belonging to *Langley* abbey, and afterwards to *Thomas Godsalve*, Esq. with all the messuages, houses, mills, gardens, orchards, &c. in the hamlet of *Langhale*, *Kirsted*, *Wootton*, *Seething*, &c.

The church of *Kirsted* is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Margaret*.

In the 45th year of *Henry* III. *Walter de Hemenhale* granted by fine to *William* prior of *Buttley* in *Suffolk*, the advowson of the church of *Langhale*;[*] but by the *Norwich* Institution Books, it appears that *John of Oxford* Bishop of *Oxford* confirmed the grant of the churches of *Kirstede* and *Langhale*, to that priory, which the records of that priory testify.

In the reign of *Edward* I. the rector of *Kirsted* had a grange and 20 acres of land, was valued at 10 marks, paid no *Peter*-pence, but carvage 4*d*. and the prior of *Butley* had a pension out of it, of 20*s*. *per ann*.

It is probable that both the churches were granted about the time of the foundation of that priory, by *Ralyh de Glanvile*, the founder, or some of his dependants.—The present valor is 10*l*. and pays tenths and first-fruits.

RECTORS.

In 1317, *Laur. de Geyton*, instituted rector, presented by the prior of *Buttele*.

1330, *Bened. de Hoxne. Ditto.*
Thomas de Scroutby, rector.
1350, *Robert Wygot. Ditto.*
Thomas de Cressingham, rector.
1377, *Ralph Atte Heth. Ditto.*
1378, *John de Swynstede. Ditto.*
1379, *Thomas Mason. Ditto.*
1393. *John Peynter. Ditto.*
1395, *John Ferthing. Ditto.*
1400, *John Caus. Ditto.*
1408, *Richard Snowe. Ditto.*
1411, *John Yon. Ditto.*
1418, *Robert Samborn. Ditto.*
1426, *Nicholas Bussey. Ditto.*
1460, *Robert Ippeswell. Ditto.*
1463, *Thomas Saxham. Ditto.*
1482, *John Askew. Ditto.*

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[*] Abreviat. Chartar. Prior. de Butley, fol. 46, &c.

1484, *Nich. Palmer*, instituted by the rector, &c.
1506, *Thomas Keton. Ditto.*
1507, *John Roket. Ditto.*
1508, *Nicholas Thacker. Ditto.*
1530, *Thomas Smith. Ditto.*
1554, *John Rudde*, by the Queen.
1561, *William Greneway. Ditto.*
1564, *John Barne. Ditto.*
1580, *Thomas Maud*, by *William Roberts;* in 1603, he returned 72 communicants.
1626, *Edward Holle*, by *Thomas Sponer*, Gent.
1677, *Ralph Osborn*, by *Edward Osborn.*
1680, *John Brown. Ditto.*
1701, *Charles Osborn*, by *Edward Osborne*, Esq.
1728, *Evans Evans. Ditto.*
1730, *John Leman. Ditto.*

The CHURCH of *Langhale* was appropriated to the priory of *Buttley*, in the time of *John* of *Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich*, so that what is said of the grant of it by *William de Hemenhale*, must relate only to some right he might claim, and then resigned.

The prior had in *Edward* the First's reign, a manse, with 30 acres of land, valued at 6 marks, and the *Peter*-pence were 9*d.* and was dedicated to St. *Christopher.*

On *May* 24, 1421, it was consolidated to *Kirksted*, and so remains; in the reign of King *James* I. the church was dilapidated.

On a grave-stone in the chancel,

Here lyeth interred the body of Robert Love of Kirstead, Gent. who died March 12, 1643, *aged* 86.

One

In memory of Robert Love, Gent. eldest son of Charles Love, of Kirsted, Gent. who died the last day of 1676, *aged* 35.

Another

In memory of Mrs, Elizabeth Love, relict of Robert Love, of Kirsted, Gent. who died December 26, 1685, *ætat. suæ*, 47; with these arms, *vert*, a tiger passant, *or*, armed *gules*, impaling *argent*, on a bend, between two lions rampant, *sable, Osborn.*

MUNDHAM.

Roger Bigot, ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk*, held several fees in this town at the survey, wrote in *Domesday Book*, *Mundhaham*, and *Algamundestuna*, from some mound or fence, against the water; thus *Mundeford* in *Norfolk; Wimundham*, &c.

Roger had a grant of a fee, which *Aluric*, a freeman, held under Archbishop *Stigand*, containing 30 acres of land, with the moiety of a borderer, &c. half an acre of meadow, valued at 5*s*.

This *Aluric*, for his services to King *Harold*, was forced to fly into foreign parts, and was outlawed.

Ulketel, the Conqueror's bailiff or steward, seized the land for that King; and *Roger Bigot* begged it of the King, who gave it to him.

Alan Earl of *Richmond* laid claim to it; but *Ralph Guader*, Earl of *Norfolk*, held it with his manor of *Romboro*, (in *Suffolk*,) and the men of this hundred have heard the said *Ulketel* acknowledge the same once, about a year before Earl *Ralph* forfeited, and once after *Ralph* forfeited, they heard say that the said *Ulketel* did suit of court at *Romborough*, and lately the hundred heard him say, that he performed service to *Roger Bigot*, and that the men of Earl *Alan* had from that manor, every year, for 4 years last past, 10*s*. and this they were ready to prove in any manner, but *Ulketel* then held it.

Also eight freemen of *Ulketel* had 60 acres of land, 3 borderers, with 3 carucates among them, valued at 8*s*. but at the survey at 10*s*. but *Roger Bigot* had it by the King's grant for 5 carucates.

In *Algamundeston*, 13 freemen of *Ulketel* had 50 acres of land, and 7 borderers, 12 acres of land, and there were among them 4 carucates and 2 acres of meadow, valued at 8*s*. at the survey at 10*s*.[5]

In *Mundham*, *Roger*, had also the land of a freeman, who held under the commendation of *Alwi* of *Thetford*, who could not give or sell it without the license of his lord, and *Thorold* held it under *Roger;* there belonged to it 30 acres of land, and in *Alwi's* time there was one villain, and one borderer, with one carucate, and under him 2 freemen, with the moiety of another, held 8 acres, with two servi, and 2 acres of meadow, and among them all there was one carucate, valued at 5*s.* at the survey at 8*s.*

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[5] Tre Rogeri Bigoti—In Mundaham ten. Aluric. lib. ho. sub. Stigando. T. R. E. xxx ac. tre. et ibi e'. dim. bord. mo. i car. silva. iiii por. et dim. ac. pti. sep. val. v sol. Iste Aluric. utlagat. et p'.posit. Regis Ulketel seisivit t'ram in manu Regis et Rog. Bigot rogav. a Rege et concessit ei, hanc calup'niat. Comes Alan. qd. ten. Comes R. ad Roboro man. suu. et hoes hundreti audier. istu Ulketel cognoscent. una vice p. i annu. antequ. R. se forisfecit et p'eaq. forisfecisset una vice similiter qd. iste Ulketel deserviebat in Roboro. et ad ultimu. audivit hund. istum eund. dicentem qd. deserviebat erga Rogeru. Bigot. hoes. hund Comitis Alani uno quoq. anno habuer. inde x sol. p. iiii annos ultimos et hoc vol'nt probare qo. libit mo. et tenet Ulketel.

In Mundaham viii lib. hoes Ulketelli LX ac. ac. tre. et iii bord. et tenet Ulketel sep. iii car. int. o'es. tnc. val. viii sol. mo. x sol. hac. h'et Roger in v caracatis quas Rex dedit ei.

In Algamundestuna xiii lib. hoes Ulketellij de L ac. tre. et vii bord. de xii ac. tre. sep. int. o'es iiii car. et ii ac. pti. tnc. val. viii sol. mo. x.

Five freemen, who held under Archbishop *Stigand,* had 9 acres in demean, with half a carucate and 19 acres, granted to *Roger Bigot.*

Also a freeman of Earl *Godwin,* held under his son, Earl *Gert,* in King *Edward's* reign, 30 acres of land, granted by the Conqueror, to *Bigot;* 5 borderers, with half a carucate belonged to it, valued at 40*s.* and there were 3 freemen of *Godwin,* who held under *Gert,* 16 acres of land, and one carucate valued at 5*s.* which *Bigod* had.[6]

All these fees being granted to *Roger Bigot,* were held *in capite* of him and his descendants Earls of *Norfolk.*

The ancient family of *De Senges,* lords of *Seething,* had a part of *Roger's* fee.

Roger *Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk,* by deed *sans date,* gave to *Richard de Seinges* and his heirs 23 acres of land in *Senges,* and lands here; and in the 8th of *Henry* III. conveyed by fine to *Ralph de Scheldon,* the advowson of the church of *Ethelbert,* in this town, and *Ralph* granted him the service of *John,* son of *William,* in this town and *Seinges.*

Sir *Ralph Shelton* was lord in the reign of *Edward* I. and patron, and *John* his son and heir presented to the church of St. *Peter's* in *Mundham Magna,* as I find it sometimes called, which seems to have belonged to the fee of *Bigot.*

In 1334, *Walter de Filby* was lord and patron of St. *Peter's* church, but in the following year, Sir *Adam de Clifton,* lord of *Bukenham* castle, granted license to *Walter de Filby,* Sir *Stephen,* parson of the church of *Lound,* in *Suffolk,* and to Sir *Thomas de Preston,* parson of *Colby,* to alien one messuage, 8 acres of land, and the advowson of St. *Peter's* church, to the hospital of St. *Giles* in *Norwich,* which they had purchased of Sir *John Shelton.*

In the next year, the master, &c. of the said hospital, presented to that church. In 1330, the King had granted license to *Walter de Filby,* and *Edmund,* parson of *Lound,* to settle on the said hospital, a messuage, 15 acres and a half, 2 acres of meadow, with 44 acres of juncary, or reed ground, in *Norwich, Sithing,* &c. purchased of *Ralph de Burghwode:* and in 1332 to settle what is before mentioned, purchased of Sir *John de Shelton;* and the said hospital is in possession of it at this time,

Another part of these fees was granted by *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk,* in the 28th of *Edward* I. to his kinsman, Sir *John le Bigod.*

Ralph, son of Sir *John Bygod,* gave it to Sir *William Calthorp,* in the 14th of *Edward* II. and in the 20th of *Edward* III. *William Calthorp* held the 20th part of a fee, late Sir *John Bigot's;* and in the time of *Henry* IV. it was in the same family.

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[6] Tre. Rogeri Bigoti.——In Mundaham i lib. ho. comd. Alwi. de Tetford xxx ac. tre. qua. tenet Turold sed nec dare nec vendere poterat sine licentia. semp. i vill. et i bord. tnc. i car. mo. dim. et sub. eo. ii lib. ho's et dim. de viii ac. et ii ser. et ii ac. pti. sep. i car. int. o'es tnc. val. v sol. mo. viii.

In Mundaham ix ac. in dnio et v lib ho's ejusde' de xix ac. sep. dim. car. ide' ten. viz. Rog.

In Mundaham i lib. ho. Goduinj sub. Gert. T. R. E. xxx ac. tre. mo. ten. ide' sep. v bor. sep. dim. car. app'tiat. e xL sol. In eade iii lib. ho's ejusd. sub. Gert. xvi ac. tre. sep. i car. sep. val. v sol. hoc tenet ide.

Thomas de Mowbray Lord *Mowbray*, in the 3d year of that King, (as heir to the *Bigots*,) held here, &c. *in capite*, the manor of *Bigot's* by the 20th part of a fee; and from the *Mowbrays* it came to the *Howards* Dukes of *Norfolk*.

Robert, son of *Corbun*, had the grant of a lordship, which *Godwin* a freeman of *Edwin*, was deprived of, who was lord of it before *Godric*, the King's steward, held it, and *Nigell* was enfeoffed of it by *Robert Corbun*, and held it at the survey; there belonged to it 30 acres of land, one carucate in demean, &c. 4 acres of meadow; and 11 freemen of *Edgar* had, in King *Edward's* reign, 30 acres, with a carucate and a half, valued then at 10*s*. at the survey at 20*s*. and the King and the Earl had the soc.

In the said town, *Robert*, son of *Corbun*, had the grant also of a lordship which *Algar*, a freeman, held under *Stigand*, consisting of one carucate of land, and 4 villains, with 2 carucates in demean, half a carucate among the tenants, with half an acre of meadow, one saddle-horse, kept at the hall, two cows, &c. 20 sheep, and 4 socmen, and the moiety of another, held 5 acres and a half of land; and a freeman under *Algar's* protection had 6 acres; among them all there was one carucate valued at 10*s*. and *Anger* held it under *Corbun*.

Mundham was 20 furlongs long, and 10 broad, and paid to the tax or gelt, 2*s*.

Corbun had the grant also of 10 acres of land, which a freeman of *Godwine* was deprived of, with one borderer, and valued above.[7]

On the death of *Robert*, son of *Corbun*, these fees came as an escheat to the Crown, and were granted to *William de Albini*, (the King's butler,) by King *William* II. ancestor of the Earls of *Arundel*.

The ancient family of the *Ingloses*, of whom see at large in *Inglose* manor, in *Loddon*, were anciently enfeoffed of part of the *Albiney's* fee.

Ralph de Inglose had an interest here in the 27th of *Edward* I. and *John de Inglose* in the 30th of the said King.

John de Dunham conveyed by fine to *William Gerberg*, vintner, lands belonging to this fee, in the 1st of *Edward* I.; and in the 14th of *Edward* III. a fine was levied between *John Gerberge*, and *Alice* his wife, querents, *William Gerberge*, parson of *Wodnorton All-Saints*, and *John de Beckham*, parson of *Islington*, deforcients, of 10*s*. rent in this town, *Tweyt*, &c. with the homage and service of Sir *William de Calthorp*, Knight, of this manor here, settled on *John*; remainder to *Roger* his son.

In the 20th of that King, *Walter de Calthorpe* and *William de Gerbrigge*, held a fee of the honour of *Rising*.

In the 33d of the said reign, *Nicholas*, son of *John de Hekingham*, and *John de Wykes*, and *Margaret* his wife, pass by fine to *Walter Hillary* and *Mary* his wife, the advowson of the church of St *Ethelbert*, with three messuages, 60 acres of land, 2 of meadow, 4 of marsh, and 4*s.* rent here.

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[7] Terre Robti. filij Corbutionis—— In Mundaham tenet Nigell qua' ten. Goduin. T. R. E. i lib. ho. Edvini, comd'. antecess. Godrici dapiferi xxx ac. t're. sep. i car. in d'nio. silva ad ii por. et iiii ac. p'ti et xi libi. ho'es. Etgari xxx ac. sep. i car. dim. tc. val. x mo. xx sol. Rex et Comes soca.

In Mundaham tenet Anger' quam ten. Algar'. lib. ho. sub Stigando i car. t're. p. man. T. R. E. sep. iiii villi tnc. et p. ii car. in d'nio. mo. dim. car. sep. dim. car. ho'um et dim. ac. p'ti. sep. i eq. in aula tc. ii an. mo. null. tc. viii por. mo. iiii tc. xx ovs. mo. v et. iiii soc. et dim. de iiii ac. t're. et i lib. ho. Algari comd'. tantu' vi ac. t're. intr. o'es. i car. sep. val. x sol.

In Mundaham i lib ho. Goduini comd'. de x ac. t're. et. i bor. app'tiat. e. superius ht. xx qr. in longo et in x lato et de gelto ii solidos.

After this, in the 2d year of *Henry* IV. *John de Norwich*, and *Maud* his wife, conveyed in trust to *Edmund Barry*, and *Ralph Casteleyn*, this manor and advowson, with lands, &c.

In the following year the Earl of *Arundel* is said to hold one knight's fee, called *Gerbridge*, belonging to his manor of *Mileham*.

John de Norwich was also lord in the 22d of *Richard* II. and then granted to *Roger de Haylesden*, &c. in trust, this lordship, in this town called *Heckyngham's*, (with the advowson of St. *Ethelbert's* church,) and its appertenances in *Seething*, *Thwait*, &c. and sealed with a lion rampant, bruised, with a bendlet over all.

In 1428, by the name of *John Norwich* of *Yoxford*, he wills to be buried in St. *Peter* of *Yoxfords* chancel, and that his manor here should be sold;[8] dated *March* 20, and proved in *Sept.* 22 following.

In *June*, 1451, Sir *Henry Inglose* died seized of a lordship, called *Mauclerk's*, which by his will he orders to be sold.

In 1430, *John Berney*, Esq. of *Reedham*, presented to St. *Ethelbert's* church; and in 1437, Sir *John Fastolf*; in the 29th of King *Henry* VII. he sold the manor and advowson to *Hugh Acton*, master of St *Gyles's* hospital, for 200 marks, where it remains.

John Spooner of *Seething* was lord of the manor of *Mauclerk's*, late *Inglose's*, in the reign of *Henry* IV. and died lord in 1514, and *Richard Sponer* was his son and heir, who was to marry *Cecilia Willis*; and *Thomas Spooner*, Gent. was lord in the 40th of *Elizabeth*.

In *Mundham*, the King had a lordship, which *William de Noiers* had the custody, or care of for the King; seven freemen had been deprived of it, being a beruite to the lordship of *Ditchingham*; three of these freemen were under the protection of Archbishop *Stigand*, 2 under *Edwin's*, one under *Algar's*, and one under *Tohla's*, (the Viscount, or the sheriff of *Norfolk*,) and they held 60 acres of land, and 3 carucates. *Robert* son of *Corbon*, claimed 4 of them, with 24 acres, and had livery of them from the King, as the hundred witnesses, but afterwards *Roger Bigot* added them to his lordship of *Earsham*, with 52 acres, and held it at the survey, when the King and the Earl had the soc; and it was valued with *Earsham*.[9]

The King is also said to have the moiety of a church, as belonging to his lordship in *Seething*, as I take it.

Godric, the King's steward had a grant of 8 acres of land here, and held by three freemen of *Edwin*, with other lands in *Seething*, and *Washingford*, which they ploughed with 3 oxen; the soc was in the hundred, and what these freemen held, (and what other freemen held in *Seething*, &c.) was valued at 20*s*.

This, with what *Godric* held in the aforesaid towns, is said to be 6 furlongs long, 3 broad, and paid 6*d.* gelt. A moiety of the church aforesaid, with 10 acres, belonged to this manor.

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[8] Regist. Surflete Norw.

[9] T're Stigandi Epi. quas custodit, W. de Noiers in manu regis—In Munhaham vii. libi. ho'es p'tinentes isti b'uite (viz. Dicingham) de his fuer. iii Stigandi, et ii Edvini com'dat. et i Algari et i Tohla vice comitis h'nt. o'es. lx ac. t're. sep. iii car. quatuor ex istis calumniatr. Rob. filius Corbutionis ex lib' atione Regis xxiiii ac. t're. teste hund. sed p'ea addidit eos R. Bigot in Ersam.

On the death of *Godric* it came as an escheat of the King, and was after granted to the *Bigots* Earls of *Norfolk*, and so joined to their lordship in this town.

Gosceline de Lodne at the survey had one socman who held 30 acres, with a villain and a borderer, half a carucate, valued at 32*d.*

This lordship belonged before the conquest to *Bury* abbey, and *Baldwin* the abbot enfeoffed his brother *Frodo* of it, and under *Frodo*, *Gosceline* held it with *Loddon*, as may be there seen at large.

Roger Fitz Renard had a small fee with 20 acres of land, which the church of St. *Etheldreda* (*Ely*) held before the conquest, in demean, with 2 borderers, valued at 3*s.*

Ralph, son of *Hagan*, had also 20 acres at the survey that belonged to the said church of *Ely*, valued at 3*s.* held in demean.

There was a family that took their name from this town, and had a considerable interest herein.

In the 9th of *Richard* I. *Alan de Mundham* granted to *Peter de Eggefeld*, half a Knight's fee, for 15 years; after that to return to *Alan* for ever; and in the 52d of *Henry* III. *Jeffrey Parris* granted lands in this town, to *Alan*, son of *Gerrard de Mundham.*

Here were certain lands called *Holme's*. *Catherine de Hulmo* released to *Warine de Hulmo* a messuage, with 80 acres of land, held, as is said, of *Constant. de Clifton*, of the *Arundel* fee, *ao.* 3d *Henry* IV. *Reginald de Holme*, senior, of *Lodne*, confirmed to *Philip Bozard* of *Ditchingham*, all his lands and tenements in *Mundham*, *Seething*, &c. in the first of *Henry* VII.

The tenths were 5*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* Deducted 1*l.* 4*s.*—Temporalities of *Langley* abbey 7*s.*

Here were 2 parishes, one called St. *Peter's*, from its church, also in some old writings *Mundham Magna;* it was a rectory, valued at 12 marks, paid *Peter*-pence, 10*d.* carvage, 7*d.* had a manse, with 30 acres of land, in the reign of *Edward* I. and Sir *Robert Shelton* was then patron.

RECTORS.

John occurs rector in the 14th of *Edward* I.

1305, *Edmund de Ufford* instituted, presented by Sir *Robert de Schelton.*

1309, *John de Ely*, by *John de Schelton.*

1311, *John de Stantone. Ditto.*

1312, *Jeffrey Stannard. Ditto.*

1334, *Bartholomew Birks*, by *Walter de Fileby.*

1335, *Ralph de Trimingham*, by the master of St. *Gyles's* hospital.

On the 30th of *June*, 1340, *Anthony Beke* Bishop of *Norwich* appropriated this rectory to the said hospital, and a vicarage was endowed, valued at 6 marks and a half *per ann.*

VICARS.

1342, *John Blome*, vicar. *Ditto.*
1349, *Robert Atte Cherch. Ditto.*
1358, *Stephen de Strumpshagh*, vicar. *Ditto.*
1362, *Walter Bele. Ditto.*

In 1600, I find it served by Mr. *Robinson*, a stipendiary curate, and so remains, nominated by the mayor, &c. of the city of *Norwich*; and in 1603 he returned 144 communicants.

The King, in 1332, licensed *Walter de Filby*, *Thomas de Preston*, rector of *Colby*, and *Stephen*, rector of *Lound*, to settle a messuage, with land, and the advowson of this church of *Mundham* St. *Peter*, on the hospital.

This church seems to have belonged to *Corbun's* fee abovementioned, and was held of the Lord *Tateshale*, as of the *Albini* fee, in 1305, by the *Sheltons*; Sir *John de Shelton*, Knight, conveying the advowson, &c. to *Walter de Filby*, &c. and in 1340, the Bishop appropriated it; 6 marks and a half *per ann.* reserved for the curate.

In the reign of *Edward* I. Sir *Robert de Schelton*, was patron of the rectory of St. *Ethelbert's* church of *Mundham Parva*, valued at 10 marks; paid *Peter*-pence 7*d.* carvage 2*d.*; had a manse, but no land.

RECTORS.

Sir *Robert* presented in 1305, *William de Glemham*.
1326, *William Sewale*, by *John de Hekyngham*.
1329, *Nicholas de Heckyngham. Ditto.*
1377, *Roger de Leynthale*, by *John*, rector of *Hadesco*.
1396, *John Stalham*, by *George Zwyksale*,
1399, *John Mayster*, by *John de Norwich*.
1400, *John Randolf*, *ditto*, in right of his wife.
1400, *John Almon. Ditto.*
1403, Mr. *William Barret. Ditto.*
1416, *John Waller. Ditto.*
1419, *John Navesby. Ditto.*
1424, *Jeffrey Lodne*, by *Robert Norwich*.
1427, *Robert Aylmer*, by *John Manning*, and *John Domlyn*, clerk.
1430, *John Norwich*, alias *Drury*, by *John Berney*, Esq. of *Redham*.
1437, *Thomas Prentys*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1446, *David Houchenson*, by Sir *John Falstoff*, Knt.

After this, it came to the St. *Giles* hospital; and so to the city of *Norwich*.

In 1593, I find it served by a curate, and so continues, nominated by the mayor and corporation of *Norwich*.

A gravestone,

In memory of William Harborne, Esq; who died November 7, 1617.

Reader, the dust inclos'd beneath this pile,
A life unspotted liv'd; devoid of e'ery guile,

Plain in his manners, sincere to his friend,
A pattern of virtue with honesty combin'd,
Shewn thro' e'ery action while here on earth,
'Till unerring fate had stopt his breath.

Sir *Walter de Senges*, lord of *Seething*, whose lordship extended into this town, gave by deed, *sans* date, to *Sibeton* abbey in *Suffolk*, lands here, to which deed Sir *William de Senges*, *Roger de Diclebur*, *Robert de Hedenham*, &c. were witnesses.

This Sir *William de Senges* confirmed by his deed, *sans* date, about the 30th of *Henry* III. and we find this family to have an interest in the church. *Richard de Seinges*, by fine, conveyed his right in the advowson of St. *Ethelbert's* church, to *Ralph de Schelton.*

SEETHING, OR SENGES.

ROGER BIGOT, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, on the expulsion of a freeman of Earl *Gert*, had a grant of 30 acres of land, and 2 servi, with half a carucate of land in demean, also of the lands which six freemen held of the soc of Archbishop *Stigand*, who had 2 carucates and 30 acres of land among them.

In the said town a freeman under *Stigand's* protection held also a carucate of land, (which *Bigot* had,) with one villain, 7 borderers, half a carucate in demean, and half a carucate among the tenants, 3 acres of meadow, and a mill; and there were 8 freemen belonging to *Stigand's* soc, with 20 acres and a carucate of land, with 2 servi, valued in the whole at 20*s.* but at the survey at 40*s.*

A freeman of *Stigand* had here also under his protection, half a carucate and 16 acres, valued at 32*d.* which *Bigot* had the grant of.

In the said town a freeman under the protection of *Alwi de Tetford*, had 16 acres valued at 24*d.* and *Turold* held this at the survey under *Bigot.*

Here were also 5 borderers, with 10 acres, belonging to *Framingham*, with two churches endowed with 16 acres, valued at 2*s.* and there were also 4 bovates: and the two churches here mentioned were those of *Framingham-Earl's*, and *Framingham Picot*, in *Hensted* hundred, belonging also to *Bigot.*

Bigot had besides the grant of 6 acres, valued at 6*d. per ann.* which *Ulketell*, a freeman, had possessed.[1]

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[1] T're. Rogeri Bigoti——In Sithinga ten. i lib. ho. sub. Gert t.r.e. xxx ac. t're. et ii ser. tc. dim. car. mo. i in d'nio. ide' tenet et sub. eo tenet ide' vi lib. ho'es xxx ac. t're. in soca Stigandi. sep. ii car. intr. eos.—In ead. i lib. ho. Stigandi comd. t. r. e. i car. t're. mo. tenet ide' sep. i vill. et vii bor. silva xii por. tc. dim. car. in d'nio. mo. i car. sep. dim. car. ho'um. et iii ac. p'ti. et i mol. et sub eo viii libi. in ho'es comd. in soca Stigandi xx ac t're. et ii ser. sep. i car. t're. val. xx mo. xl.

In Sithinga i lib. ho. Stigandi comd. xvi ac. tc. dim. car. mo. i sep. val. xxxiid: hoc tenet ide.

Several lordships arose out of these fees, which were held of the *Bigots* Earls of *Norfolk*, and their descendants.

The *Bigots*, a younger branch of the Earls of *Norfolk*, had an interest here. In the reign of *Edward* I. *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*, granted to Sir *John le Bigot*, his nephew, son of Sir *Ralph*, a lordship, paying to him, for all suits and services, a bearded arrow yearly; dated at *Bungay A*°. 38 of *Edward* I.; witnesses, Sir *John Lovell*, Sir *Baldwin Pykot*, Sir *Peter Roscelyne*, Sir *Edward Charles*, Sir *John de Holbroke*, &c. this is said to have been held of the said Earl, by Sir *John de Seagrave*.

Sir *John Bigot* died possessed of it, held by the 20th part of a fee, in the 33d of that King, and *Ralph* was his son and heir, who proved his age in the following year, and in the 12th of *Edward* II. gave it to Sir *Walter Calthorp*, with his manor in *Mundham*.

Sir *William Calthorp* was lord, and had a grant of free-warren in the 28th of *Edward* III.

Sir *Philip Calthorp* died seized of it *April* 7, *A*°. 3°. *Edward* VI. and *Elizabeth* his daughter and heir brought it by marriage to Sir *Henry Parker*, and his descendant Sir *Philip Parker*, son and heir of Sir *Calthorp Parker*, was lord in the 20th of *James* I.

Roger Myniot had a grant of free warren in his lordship here, *A*°. 13th of *Edward* I. and in *Bramford*, *Stonham*, *Antingham* in *Suffolk*, &c.

John Myniot held it of the honour of *Forncet* in the 7th of *Edward* III. and had free warren then granted in *Hoton*, *Carleton*, and *Skipton* upon *Swale* in *Yorkshire*.

In the 3d of *Henry* V. on *Tuesday* before the feast of St. *Michael*, *John Pyke*, late prior of the Holy *Trinity* of *Ipswich*, granted to *John Crane*, and *Roger Cottemower*, his manor of *Minyots*, paying yearly in the church of St. *Margaret's* of *Seething* 6 marks.

In the 15th of *Edward* I. *Robert de Hedenham* held here and in *Hedenham* of the Earl of *Norfolk*, the 15th and the 5th part of a fee, which *Robert de Hedenham* possessed in the 20th of *Henry* III.

Roger de Dykelburgh, and his parceners, *Geff*. *Myniot*, and *Hugh de Noble*, had the 20th part of a fee of the manor of *Forncet*; and in the reign of *Henry* IV. *Thomas* Lord *Mowbray*, as capital lord, had the manor of *Bigots* in this town, held by the 20th part of a fee, the manor of *Dykelburgh*, by the 15th part of a fee; that of *Calthorp* by the 20th part of a fee; that of *Hedenham* by the 40th part of a fee; the abbot of *Sibton*, abbot of *Langley*, and the hospital of St. *Giles* in *Norwich* had among them one fee.

There was also a family who assumed their name from this town, being early enfeoffed of a lordship under the *Bigots*.

Sir *Ralph de Senges*, or *Seething*, was living in the reign of *Henry* II. and married *Claricia*, daughter of ——— *de Wileby*, and had *Henry de Senges* his son.

Richard de Senges, *William*, his son, and *Ralph de Senges*, were witnesses to a deed of lands in *Chebenhale* in *Suffolk*, given to the nuns of *Bungey Holy Cross*, *s. d.* Sir *William de Senges* granted to the canons of *Langley* 20 acres of land here, and lands in *Mundham*, *s. d.*[2]

In Sithinga i lib. ho. Alwi comd. de xvi ac. et val. xxiiiid. et tenet Turold.

In Sithinga v bor. de x ac. et p'tinent i'. Framingaham ii eccle. xvi ac. val. ii sol. et iiii bov.—In Sithinga i lib. ho. Ulketelli de vi ac. et val. vid.

[2] Regist. Abbat. Langl. fol. 87, 98.

Sir *Walter de Senges* gave to the monks of *Sibton* lands here and in *Mundham*, by deed, *sans date*; witnesses, Sir *William de Senges*, *Roger de Dikleburgh*, *Robert de Hedenham*, *Robert Cokerell*, &c. and Sir *William* confirmed to them, all the gifts of Sir *Walter*, in lands, tenements, rents, &c. in this town, *Mundham*, *Langale*, *Tweyt*, *Kirkstede*, &c. for 5 marks of silver paid, *sans date*: *Roger*, son of Sir *Roger de Senges*, gave them lands, and by deed *sans date*, discharged them from all suit of court to Sir *Walter's* manor of *Senges*.

This family wrote themselves sometime *De Wyndesore*, and sometime *De Senges*, and descend from *Maurice de Wyndlesore*, to whom *Aldbold*, abbot of *Bury*, granted, about 1110, all the land which *Robert* their steward, his predecessor held, with all his stewardship of their abbey, all its customary dues, &c. his own livery, with that of his clerks, 8 men and 8 horses.[3]

Hugh de Wyndesore, gave to the monks of *Sibton*, the whole tenement, which *Margery*, wife of Sir *Richard de Senges* held in dower, with the mill, &c. he also gave a messuage called *Old Flatt's* in *Mundham*.

In the 52d of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *Walter de Wyndesore*, querent, *Richard*, abbot of *Sibton*, deforciant; that whereas the abbot was obliged to find two monks to celebrate divine service for the soul's health of *Hugh de Wyndesore*, and *Christian* his wife, and of the ancestors and successours of the said *Walter*, in the chapel of *Senges*; and to find for *Walter* a convenient chamber in the abbey for himself and a boy, with necessary diet and cloathing, and competent provender for one horse, which the abbot had denied him; the abbot hereby grants to *Walter*, that he would perform the said covenants of finding 2 chaplains to say a mass of St. *Mary*, and another *De Defunctis* every day in the said chapel, for the health of *Hugh de Wyndesore* and *Christian* his wife, ancestors of *Walter*, and to pay *Walter*, 8 marks *per ann.* and two boots of the price of 18*d.* or 18*d.* in money, *Walter* releasing all the rest.

Walter gave also a tenement which *Margery*, wife of Sir *Richard de Senges*, held in dower, in *Senges*, a tenement called *Old Flat's* and 3 acres in *Mundham*, with a mill in *Thweyt*.

The interest that the *Senges* had in this town came soon after to the *Calthorps*.

Roger Bigot Earl of *Norfolk* gave to *Richard de Senges*, by deed *sans date*, 23 acres of land here, to be held of him by the 20th part of a fee, and Sir *William Calthorp*, son of Sir *Walter*, was lord of *Sithing* in the 14th of *Edward* II. and entailed it on his son *Walter*, but the chief part of the *Senges* estate was in the abbey of *Sibton*.

I have seen a deed of Sir *Oliver Calthorp*, dated at *Burnham*, *December* 16, 1361, setting forth that whereas the abbots, &c. of *Sibton* were obliged, on account of certain lands, and tenements, to pray for the souls of his ancestors in a chantry, within the chapel of *Sything*, given to them by his said ancestors, which lands and tenements, by length of time, and by the death of the free tenants and villains are become so waste, and the profits so diminished, as to be not a sufficient support for one monk to live and remain there. In order to supply the same, he grants for himself and heirs, that the said abbot, &c.

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[3] Regist. Sacrist. Bur. fol. 142. Reg. Pinceb. Bur. fol. 152.

should be freed from the same, on condition that they provide a chantry in their own monastery, to perform the said office, and saving to himself and heirs the payment of 18*d. per ann.* at the feast of St. *Martin* for one pair of boots, which the said convent used to pay to him and his ancestors, and all other rents and services annually paid.

William de Noiers at the survey was steward of a lordship in this town, or which a freeman of *Stigand* the Archbishop was deprived; there then belonged to it a carucate of land, one villain, 2 borderers, one carucate in demean, half a carucate among the tenants, with an acre and a half of meadow: one saddle horse in the manor-house, &c. and 21 socmen in King *Edward's* reign had 24 acres of land, with a carucate and a half of meadow, valued in *Tofts* before the conquest at 40*s.* but the Conqueror added to this manor a beruite in *Tofts*, called *Stiga*, so that at the survey it paid 4*l.* and 10*s.* for what was in *Tofts*; it was one leuca long and one broad, and paid 16*d.* gelt.

This was granted by King *William* II. to *William de Albinj* his butler, ancestor of the Earls of *Arundel*, and held of them by several persons.

In the 14th of *Edward* I. *John de Dunham*, passed by fine to *William Gerbergh*, vineter, lands in this town, *Mundham* and *Wootton*.

John Gerberge and *Alice* his wife, were querents, in a fine *A*°. *Edward* III. *William Gerberge*, parson of *Wodenorton All-Saints*, and *John de Beckham*, parson of *Islington*, deforciants of 10*l.* rent here, in *Mundham*, *Lodne*, and *Langley*, with homages and services, settled on *John Gerbergh*, remainder to *Roger* his son.

William de Holbroke, in the 20th of the said King, was found to hold one fee of the Earl of *Arundel*, which *Walter* and *William Gerbridge* held; and in the 25th year, *Gilbert de Debenham*, conveyed to *John de Berney* and *Margaret* his wife; and *John Berney de Wichingham*, in the 17th of *Edward* IV. died seized of the manor of *Holbroke*.

Thomas, Earl of *Arundel*, as capital lord, was found, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. to have one fee called *Gerbrigg's*.

The manor of *Mauclerks* held by Sir *Henry Inglose*, extended here: of this *Albany* fee see more in *Mundham*.

The *Delapoles* had also a lordship here. Sir *William Delapole*, Jun. granted to *John de Cobham*, lord of *Cobham*, an annuity out of his manors of *Sything* in *Norfolk*, *Offord*, and *Chesterton* in *Huntingdonshire*, *Edworth* in *Bedfordshire*, &c. as a security on his son *John Delapole's*, marriage with *Joan*, daughter and heir of the said Lord *Cobham*, and at the same time it was covenanted that Sir *William* should settle on them at their marriage 100*l. per ann.* in lands and rents out of the manors of *Westhall* and *Fulbroke* in *Oxfordshire*, *Potton* in *Bedfordshire*, and *Abircheifsey*.

This Sir *William* was son of Sir *William Delapole*, the great merchant of *Hull*, and *Catherine* his wife, which lady, in her deed dated at *Kingston* upon *Hull*, on *Monday* before the feast of St. *Catherine*,

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[4] Tre Stigandi Ep. quas custodit W. de Noiers. in manu Regis—In Silinga ten. i lib. ho' sub Stigando i car. tre. p' quam Rex W. venit in Anglia'. addidit ipse Stiga b'uita in Stoftes. sep. i vill. tc' ii bord. p' et mo. iii tc' et p'. i car. in d'nio. mo. i et dim tc'. dim. car. ho'um, et i ac. dim. p'ti. semp. i eq. in aula mo. iii porc. et xxi soc. T.R.E. p'. et mo. xii et ht. xxiiii ac. tre. sep. i car. dim. ac. p'ti et e. in ptio de Toftees, tc'. val. xL sol. mo. reddit iiii lib. et x sol. in Toftees et ht. i leug. in long. et i in lato. et de gelto xvid.

in the 40th year of King *Edward* III. styled herself widow of Sir *William de la Pole*, sen. and granted all her right in *Bristwick* in *Holderness;* and in her manors of *Cleyton Parva, Burton, Pydsey, Outhorn, Wythouse, Skestelyng, Kylnese, Esyngton, Preston, Bonde, Bristewyk, Ravensore, Hedon, Barrowe, Paghesflete, Sportele, Kelle, Dyke*, and *Elstonwyke*, with the wapentake of *Holderness*, &c. members, of *Bristwick;* in the manors of *Skypse, Gryngele*, and *Whetely* in *Nottinghamshire*, and in the rent of 260 marks out of the customs of the port of *Kingston*, yearly, which Sir *William* had before surrendered to the King, and which she now confirms; all which Sir *William* her husband had of the gift and grant of the said King. It is observeable that she seals with the arms of her husband, *azure*, a fess between 3 leopards faces, *or*, and not in a lozenge, though a widow; between the seal and the legend, with her name, are two *Catherine*, wheels; one on each side, to set forth also her *Christian* name, and the crest seems to be the bust of St. *Catherine*, the head with a crown.

Sir *John de la Pole*, by his lady *Joan*, left a daughter and heir, *Joan*, who by Sir *Reginald Braybrook*, one of her husbands, had also a daughter and heir, *Joan*, who married Sir *Thomas Brook;* who in the 6th of *Henry* VI. was lord of *Sething*, also of *Radwinter Magna* and *Parva*, and *Creshale* in *Essex;* father of *Edward* Lord *Brook* of *Cobham*, who died *June* 6, *A°*. 4 *Edward* IV. lord of this manor, and *John* was his son and heir, aged 18.

In the 6th of *Henry* VI. a fine was also levied between Sir *John de Harpeden*, Knt. and *Joan* his wife. Sir *Thomas Brook* and *Joan* his wife, Sir *John Golafre*, &c. querents, *Reginald Kentwood*, clerk, *William Paston*, &c. feoffes of the Lord *Cobham* of this manor, &c. settled on Sir *John Harpeden*, and *Joan* for life, remainder to Sir *Thomas Broke* and *Joan* in tail.

At the survey *Isaac* had 80 acres of land with 2 villains, and 3 carucates, which 3 freemen of *Godwin* had been deprived of, valued at 20*s*. at the survey at 30*s*.

A certain poor nun claimed here 4 acres of land, which she held under *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk*, before and after his rebellion, as the hundred witnessed; but *Isaac* deprived her of it, and joined it to his lordship by a grant from the Conqueror.[5]

This came afterwards as an eschaet to the Crown, and was granted to the *Bigots*, who joined it to their other fees abovementioned.

Hugh Earl of *Chester*, had a lordship granted him, which 9 freemen held, and the moiety of 4 of them were under *Stigand*.

Walter de Dol had taken them away and added them to the lordship of *Ennaham*, and contained half a carucate of land; in King *Edward's* time, there was a carucate. *Walter de Dol* held *Ennaham*, (*Eiland* or *Neyland*,) in *Depwade* hundred, under *Roger Bigot*, and *Roger Bigot* held this under Earl *Hugh;* so that it was united to *Bigot's* manors abovementioned.[6]

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[5] Terre Isac.——In Silinga T.R.E. iiii lib. ho's Goduinj LXXX ac. tre. et sub eis ii vill. tc'. iii car. p'. i car. et dim. mo. n'. tc. val. xx sol. mo. xxx sol.

In Sithinga calumpnat. queda' paup. monial. iiii ac. tre. qua'. tenuit sub. Radulfo tame' ante et p' q' se forisfecisset, et ita testat. hu'd. et Isac revocat, ex dono Regis ad feudu' suu'.

[6] Tre Hugonis Comitis—In Sithinga ix lib. ho's et iiii dim. Stigandi T.R.E. et Galter. de Dol abstulit, et addidit ad Ennaham et ht. dim. car. tre. tn'c. i car. p'. null. mo. i.

John Spooner, of this town, was lord of *Mauclerk's* manor in the reign of *Henry* IV. and *Thomas Spooner*, Gent. in the 40th of *Elizabeth*.

Thomas Godsalve, Esq. was lord of *Miniot's* manor in this town, in the reign of *Henry* VIII. and at the Dissolution had a grant of *Sibton* abbey, from the Duke of *Norfolk*;[7] Sir *John Godsalve* died lord of them in the reign of *Philip* and *Mary*, and *William* his son inherited them. *Thomas Godsalve* died lord in the 30th of *Elizabeth*, and *Roger* was his son and heir.

The tenths were 4*l*. 13*s*.—Deducted 20*s*.—The temporalities of *Langley* abbey 2*l*. 10*s*. 9*d*. *ob*.; this was granted to *Thomas Godsalve*, Esq. at the Dissolution.

The temporalities of *Bokenham* priory 8*d*.

The Church was dedicated to St. *Margaret*, and was a rectory, valued at 25 marks.

In the 25th of *Henry* III. *Richard* was rector, and in the 34th of that King a fine was levied between *Symon*, abbot of *Langley*, querent, *Walter de Senges*, impedient, of one acre of land,[8] and the advowson of the moiety of the church of St. *Margaret*, granted to the abbot and his successours, on the cession or death of *Richard* the rector.

In 1253, this church was appropriated by *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich*, to the hospital of St. *Gyles* in *Norwich*, founded by the said Bishop, paying to the almony of the priory of *Norwich*, a pension of 10 marks *per ann*. this church being alternately presented to by himself, and the prior; this pension was remitted by the said convent in the reign of *Edward* III. the hospital having built 12 cottages in *Holm-street*, *Norwich*, and resigned them to the convent.

It is now served by a stipendiary curate, appointed by the corporation of *Norwich*.

In the church was a chantry, afterwards removed by Sir *Oliver Calthorp*, to *Sibton* abbey, which abbey paid 10*l*. to Sir *Oliver* for this indulgence; also the guild of St. *Margaret*.

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[7] Granted to the Duke of Norfolk July 31, Ao. 28 Henry VIII.

[8] Reg. Langley, fol. 88.

SYSELAND.

Gosceline de Loddon's lordship of *Loddon*, held of the abbot of *Bury*, extended into this town; and in the 20th of *Henry* III. the abbot of *Langley* and his parceners, *Ralph Howe*, &c. had an interest herein.

Ralph, son of *Miles de Howe*, presented to the church of *Syseland* in 1304.

The family of *Charles* (of whom see in *Loddon*) had a lordship which after came to the *De la Poles* Earls of *Suffolk*, and to the *Mowbrays*, and *Howards*, Dukes of *Norfolk*.

Thomas Clark accounted, in the 29th of *Henry* VIII. for 17*l*. 15*s*. 7*d*. rent of assise, of the Duke of *Norfolk's* manor.

Henry Howard Earl of *Northampton*, lord, in the first of King *James* I. after that it came to the *Howards* Earls of *Arundel*, and Dukes of *Norfolk*.

At the survey, *Godric*, the King's steward, took care of a lordship for the Conqueror, that *Ketel*, a freeman, held, under the protection of *Edwin*, containing 2 carucates of land, three borderers, and one servus, with 2 carucates in demean, and half a carucate among the tenants, and 5 acres of meadow, and a mill; 13 socmen then had 2 carucates, and 26 acres of land, but the soc was in King *Edward*, valued then at 20*s*.

At the survey it paid 40*s*. quitrent; was 8 furlongs long, and 7 broad, and 11 perches, and the gelt was 8*d*.

Godric had also in his own right, 3 acres, of which a freeman of *Edwin* was deprived.[9]

ALBINI-MANOR.

William de Albini, ancestor of the Earls of *Arundel*, had a grant of this from King *William* II. The family of *Inglos*, and that of *Dunham*, &c. had an interest herein, as in *Mundham*. In the 14th of *Edward* II. *William Gerberge* had seven pounds *per ann*. in lands here in *Mundham*, *Senges*, *Langhale*, &c.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *William de la Pole*, &c. were found to hold lands in *Sisland*, late *Howe's* (and *Charles*) of the heirs of *Ralph*, and of the honour of *Rysing*.

In the reign of *Edward* I. *Edmund de Hoo* was patron of the church, which was a rectory, valued at 7 marks. The rector had a manse and 30 acres, paid *Peter*-pence 12*d*. carvage 3*d*. *ob*.

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[9] Terra Regis qua' Godric. servat. ——Sislanda ten. Ketel. lib. ho. Eduini comd. tantu p. man. ii car. tre. sep. iii bor. et i ser. tc. ii car. in dnio. p. et mo. nulla, sep. dim. car. hou' sil. iiii por. et v ac. pti. tc. i mol. p. et mo. null. tc. xiii soc. p. et mo. ix et dim. et Rex E. soca. xxvi ac. tre. sep. ii car. tnc. val. xx sol. p. et mo. xl blanc. et ht. viii qr. in longo et vii in lat. et xi p'cas et de gelto viiid.——Terre Godrici Dapiferi——In Sislanda i lib. ho. ejusde' de iii ac.

RECTORS.

In 1304, *Alexander de Thurton* was instituted, presented by *Ralph* son of *Miles de How, John de Sisland,* and *John de Dunwich.*

1317, *John de Dunwich,* presented by the Lady *Lætitia,* late wife of Sir *Robert de Lodne,* and *Joan,* late wife of *Ralph de How.*

About the 17th of *Edward* II. there was a pleading for the right of presentation, between *William,* son of *Ralph de Howe, Joan,* relict of *Ralph,* and *Lætitia de Lodne, Joan* and *Lettice* proving that in the 34th of *Edward* I. *Ralph* had conveyed to *John de Sisland,* rector of a moiety of the church of *How,* and *John de Dunwich,* chaplain, the advowson, and to their heirs for ever, and that the said *John de Sisland,* and *John de Dunwich,* and afterwards they by fine had surrendered it to *Ralph de Howe, Joan* and *Lætitia* aforesaid, and it was allowed to be their right, *Ralph* being dead.

1327, *John Gales,* by Lady *Lætitia, Nicholas Hovel* and *Joan* his wife.

Miles de How, son of *Ralph,* granted to *Robert de Ingelose,* the reversion of the advowson, and 4 acres of land, in the 2d of *Edward* III. and in the following year, *Nicholas Hovel* conveyed their right to *Robert de Inglose* and *Joan* his wife, and their heirs.

1343, *John Cavel,* by *Walter Cavel.*

1389, *William Pyke,* by *Ann,* relict of Sir *Henry de Inglose.*

1396, *William Peegard,* by *Henry Inglose.*

1406, *Robert Barret,* by Sir *John Heveningham, Nicholas Witchingham,* &c.

1416, *William Norwich,* by *Henry Inglose.*

1418, *Robert Sewster,* by Sir *John Heveningham, John Berney,* &c. feoffees of Sir *H. Inglose.*

1441, *William Newton,* by the Bishop, a lapse.

In 1451, Sir *Henry Inglose* ordered the advowson to be sold.

1484, *John Fowlerton,* by *John Richers,* and *Elizabeth* his wife.

1486, *John Coseler. Ditto.*

1507, *Thomas Tudenham,* by the Bishop, a lapse.

Richard Hodgeson, rector.

1531, *Robert Walkington,* then abbot of *Langley,* by *Thomas Godsalve,* senior.

1535, *James Grene,* by *Robert Grene,* alderman of *Norwich.*

1558, *George Leasbury,* by the assigns of Sir *John Godsalve* and *Elizabeth* his wife.

1568, *William Jackson,* by *Thomas Godsalve,* Esq.

1572, *Laurence Beyghton,* by the assigns of *Thomas Godsalve.*

1595, *Michael Nicholson,* by *Roger Godsalve,* Esq. in 1603, he returned 138 communicants.

1623, *William Mylesby,* by *Mary Spatchet,* widow.

George Charold, rector.

1662, *Robert Bell,* by *Thomas Berney* of *Swardeston,* Esq.

1670, *John Holmes. Ditto,*

1674, *Anthony Buxton. Ditto.*

1713, *Charles Osborne,* by *Thomas Berney,* Esq.

1728, *Charles Wadesworth,* by *Ann Berney,* widow,

1734, *John Blanks,* by *Ann Burney,* widow.

The present valor is 4*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* and is discharged. In 1740, *Thomas Berney,* Esq. was patron.

In the chancel is a gravestone,

In memory of John Chidlow, rector of Hobbies, who died Decr. 14, 1652.

William Westgate, senior, buried in the church in 1536, gave to the repair of the steeple, 6*l.*

Hervey, son of *Maurice de Syselond,* gave lands to the abbey of *Langley.* Their temporalities valued at 3*s.* 6*d.*

Walter, son of *Hugh de Windesore,* gave to *Sibton* abbey lands, and all the rent which *Margery,* widow of Sir *Richard de Scenge* held in dower. Their temporalities valued at 2*s.* 4*d. ob.*

THURTON.

AT the survey, *Robert de Vallibus,* or *de Vaux,* held under *Roger Bigot,* ancestor, of the Earls of *Norfolk,* 30 acres of land, which *Almar,* a freeman of *Stigand* the Archbishop, had been deprived of, with 2 borderers, one carucate in demean, and 4 acres of meadow; 17 freemen also, with the moiety of another, held under *Almar's* commendation 80 acres and 2 carucates; and in the same town was a moiety of a freeman with 15 acres and half a carucate of meadow. It was 10 furlongs long, and 5 broad, and the gelt was 7*d. ob.*[1]

In the reign of *Rich.* I. *Robert de Grys* was lord; in the 10th year of that King, the abbot of *Langley* demised to him certain tithes, paying 8*s. per ann.*

This *Robert,* in the 4th of *Henry* III. sold to *Eborard de Vernun,* the advowson of this church, for 10 marks; and in the 23d of that King, *Simon de Grys, Walter de Calthorp,* the abbot of *Langley,* the monks of *Thetford,* and *John Grys* of *Chedeston,* were found to hold one fee of the Earl of *Norfolk.*

Symon de Grys had an interest here in the 16th of *Edward* I. and *Roger Grys,* in the 20th of *Edward* III. and in the 1st year of *Henry* IV. the Lord *Mowbray* held it *in capite,* as descended from the *Bigots.*

In the 3d of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *Thomas,* son of *Jeffrey de Thurston,* petent, and the prior of the monks of *Thydford,* tenent, of the advowson of this church, released to *Thomas* and his heirs, who covenanted for ever to pay to the prior and his successors, 20*s. per ann.* for land held of them here.

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[1] T're. Rogeri Bigoti——In Tortuna ten. Almar. lib. ho. sub Stigando T. R. E. p. man. xxx ac. t're. ten. Rob. de Vals. sep. ii bor. sep. i car. in d'nio. et iiii ac. p'ti. et xvii lib. ho'es. et dim. Almari. comd'. de lxxx ac. tc. et p. ii car. mo. i et dim. In eade' dim. lib. ho. de xv ac. sep. dim. car. i ac. p'ti.——Tortuna ht. x qr. in longo, et v in lato et de gelto viid. et ob.

LANGLEY ABBEY MANOR.

John le Grys of this town, gave to *Simon* the abbot, in the 42d of *Henry* III. 49 acres of land, with 8 marks, and 6*s.* 8*d.* rent here, in *Bergh Apton*, &c. *Robert de Vaux*, gave 10*s.* rent.

Reyner de Thurton, *Henry* son of *Clement*, and *Catherine* his wife, *Henry le Neuman*, and *Catherine* his wife, were benefactors.

Petronilla, relict of Sir *William Nerford*, daughter and coheir of Sir *John de Vaux*, confirmed all the benefactions of her ancestors.

Robert, son of *Thomas Toke*, granted 5 messuages, 40 acres of land 14*s.* 3*d.* rent here, &c. to the said abbey.

In 1428, the temporalities of this abbey were 11*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.*

At the Dissolution it was granted to *Thomas Godsalve*, Esq.

At *Thurton*, by *Loddon*, were dug up in 1707, several *Roman* coins of *Gallienus*, *Victorinus*, *Tetricus*, *Quintillus*, &c.

The tenths 3*l.* 11*s.* Deducted 11*s.* The temporalities of *Thetford* priory, 8*s.*

The church of *Ely*, (the priory of St. *Audrey*) had six socmen, with a carucate and 20 acres in King *Edward's* time, which, on the conquest were granted to *Godric* the King's steward, and lands in *Thorp*, with all customary dues, and were valued in *Burgh*, by *Apton*.[2]

After the death of *Godric* it came to the Crown, as an escheat, and was given to the family of *De Monte Canisio*, or *Montchensey*, who were barons of the realm, and possessed by them (lords of *Bergh Apton*) in the reign of *Henry* II. as may be there seen.

The Church is dedicated to St. *Ethelbert*, and was a rectory, in the reign of King *Edward* I. in the patronage of the abbot of *Langley* valued at 12 marks. *Peter*-pence 10*d.* carvage 5*d.*

RECTORS.

Robert le Noble, rector.

1299, *John de Nelond*, by the abbot of *Langley*; the rector had then a house, and 40 acres of land.

1303, *William de Brokedysh*. *Ditto.*

1306, *John de Oveton*. *Ditto.*

1342, Mr. *Thomas de Strumpeshagh*, by *Robert Toke*, and *Richard Gardiner*, *hac vice*.

In the said year it was appropriated to *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, to the said abbey, and on *March* 22, the rectory-house, on settling a vicarage, was granted to the vicar, with 12 acres of land, &c. valued at 6 marks.

VICARS.

In 1347, *Richard de Stow*, vicar, presented by the abbot.

1349, *Bartholomew de Castre*. *Ditto.*

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[2] Terre. S'ce Adeldrede.——In Tortuna vi soc. quos tenet Godric. dapifer de xx ac. sep. i car. et in Torp, &c. et p'tinent in Berc. c. o'i consuet. et ibi app'tiati s't.

1387, *John de Waterden,* presented by the abbot.
1422, *Jeffrey de Loden.* *Ditto,*
1424, *William Cove.* *Ditto.*

Laurence Beighton, occurs vicar 1593; and in 1603 it was served by a curate, *Michael Nicholson,* who returned 68 communicants; in it was the tabernacle of St. *Ethelbert.*

In 1742, Mr. *Rant* was patron, and nominated the curate.

The church is a single pile, with a chancel thatched, and has a square tower, with 3 bells. On a gravestone in the chancel, these arms, quarterly, *argent* and *gules;* in the 2d and 3d, a frett *or,* over all a fess, *azure, Norris,* impaling *argent,* on a bend ingrailed, *sable,* three de luces of the first, *Holt.*

In memory of Mrs. Mary Norris, first wife of John Stubbs, and last of Jeremy Norris of Norwich, gent. daughter of Jeremy Holt, clerk, who died June 2, 1682.——Johs. filius Edmi. Stubb, S. T. P. obt. 8 Oct. ao. ætat. 60, D'ni. 1662; and this shield, *sable,* on a bend, *or,* between three phæons, *argent,* as many round buckles, *gules. Stubbs.*

Jeremias Holt Suffolcia natus, Cantabrig. educatus, S.T.B. vir pius et doctus sub hoc marmore sepultus Nov. 27, Ao. Dni.——

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In memory of John Gilbert, who died Feb. 6, 1721, *aged* 46; and *gules,* two bars *ermine,* in chief, three de-lis, *or.*

THWAYT.

I do not find this town mentioned in the book of *Domesday,* it being accounted for in other towns, whose lordships extended into this.

A principal part of it belonged to the abbot of *Bury's* manor of *Loddon,* and it is often called in old writings, *Thwayt* by *Loddon.*

This part and lordship was in the family of *Charles,* and held by Sir *William Charles,* in the 48th of *Henry* III. lord also of a manor in *Loddon,* of whom, and his descendants, see at large in *Loddon.*[3] About this time the abbot was lord, had a messuage, 140 acres of land, 16 of meadow, 8 of pasture, 60 of wood, with 80 acres among his villains, a windmill, freewarren, and several free tenants.

To this lordship belonged a right of presentation to the church, as the institutions will shew.

The *Delapoles* had a right of presentation, granted to them with the lordship in *Sysland,* by the *Charles's,* Sir *Richard de la Pole* presenting in 1332, and Sir *William de la Pole,* in 1351, and their right was conveyed to the *Mowbrays* Dukes of *Norfolk*

Another part of this town was a member of the manor of the *Bygots*

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[3] Reg. Pincebeck Bur. Abb.

Earls of *Norfolk*, lords of *Pirnow*, now included in *Ditchingham*, and held by the family of *De Swillington*, as may be there seen; and in 1305, Sir *William de Swillington* presented as lord.

From the *Bigots* it descended to the *Mowbrays*, and the *Howards* Dukes of *Norfolk*. *Roger Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk* had free warren in his demeans in the 15th of *Edward* I.

In the 10th of *Edward* II. Sir *Adam de Swillington*, brother and heir of *William de Swillington*, released to *William Charles* his right, in the alternate presentation of this church, by fine.

Sir *Robert Charles* appears by his will, dated in 1400, to have a lordship here, which he gives, on his wife's decease, to *Edmund* his son and his heirs.[4]

Another part of this town belonged to the Earl of *Clare's* manor of *Charleton*, or *Carleton*. In the 46th of *Henry* III. *Thomas de Brom* granted by fine to *William Charles*, 7 acres of land, and a mark rent, here, &c. with certain homages and services, &c. and *Thomas*, son of *Richard de Brom*, was lord in the reign of *Edward* I.

In the 9th of *Edward* II. the heirs of *Oliver Wythe*, and *Roger de Brom*, held here in *Carleton* and *Ashby*, a quarter of a fee, of the Earl of *Gloucester*, the capital lord; and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. the Earl of *March* possessed the same.

The tenths of this town were 1*l.* 10*s.*

John de Hedenham conveyed in the 50th of *Hen.* III. to *Simon*, abbot of *Langley*, a messuage and a carucate of land; and the temporalities of that abbey were valued in 1428, at 3*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.*

In the 25th of *Henry* III. *Robert Bacun* was petent in a fine, and *Joan*, prioress of *Campsey* in *Suffolk*, tenent, of 6*s.* and 9*d.* rent here and in *Erevelton* (*Arwarton*) in *Suffolk*, granted before by *Roger Bacon*, brother of *Robert*, to that priory, and now released. The prioress of *Bungey* had also lands.

The church is dedicated to St. *Mary*, and was a rectory. In the reign of *Edward* I. Sir *James de Creyk* and *Richard Charles*, presented to it alternately. The rector had a manse and 30 acres, valued at 6 marks. *Peter*-pence 9*d.* carvage 4*d.*

RECTORS

Walter le Parker occurs rectors rector in the 18th of *Edward* I.

1305, *John de Sibeton*, by Sir *William de Swillington*, *hac vice*.

In the 34th of *Edward* I. it was settled by fine, that *Edward Charles* and his heirs, should have 2 turns, *William Swillington* one turn, and afterwards to present alternately.

1307, *William Miriel*, by Sir *Edward Charles*.

1314, *William de Scothow*.

1316, *John Scothow*. *Ditto*.

1332, *John de Holland*, by *Richard de la Pole*, lord of *Siseland* and *Thweyt*.

Peter Aleyn, rector.

1351, *John de Seton*, by Sir *William de la Pole*.

1354, *William Balle*.

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[4] Regist. Harsyke Norw. fol. 269.

1361, *Nicholas de Cambridge*, by *Alan*, rector of *Carleton.*

1386, *John de Middleton*, by Sir *Robert Charles*, Knt.

1388, *Walter de Tilney. Ditto.*

1404, *John Caldwell*, by *George Felbrigg*, Esq. in right of the dower of the mother of *Thomas Charles.*

John Bettys.

1431, *William Aleyn*, by *Alice*, relict of Sir *Thomas Charles.*

1447, *Robert Blakewell, Ditto.*

1475, *John Downyng*, by *John* Duke of *Norfolk.*

1488, *Richard Leffreson*, by the Bishop a lapse.

Robert Fedam, rector.

1506, *Sylvester Large*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1520, *Richard Hodson. Ditto.*

1532, *Thomas Fuller*, by the Duke of *Norfolk*

1554, Mr. *John Seywell. Ditto.*

1588, *Richard Taylor*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1565, *Thomas Lesburye*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk.*

1569, *Nicholas Millyner*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1574, *Thomas Crosse*, by *William Dix* and *William Cantrell.*

1581, *Rob. Westco*, by *Philip* Earl of *Arundel;* he returned in 1603, 33 communicants.

1615, *John Morecroft*, by *John Griffith*, Esq.

1623, *John Rochford*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1628, *Charles Ringye*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel:* on the 23d of *May*, 1644, he was sequestered, and *Edward Barker* was admitted rector, by the Earl of *Manchester*, but in 1660, he was restored, and succeeded by *Robert Segeswick*, who was presented by *William Platers.*

1690, *Anthony Buxton*, by *John Buxton*, and *John Clapham.*

1713, *John Quinton*, by *Thomas*, Duke of *Norfolk.*

1733, *Frances Johnson*, by *John Anstis*, Esq.

1760, *John Bates*, on *Johnson's* death, by *Thomas* Earl of *Effingham.*

In 1742, the Duke of *Norfolk* was patron and lord.

The present valor is 4*l.* and is discharged.

A marble stone, in the chancel,

In memory of Thomas Segiswicke, gent. late student and graduat of Caius College, Cambridge, son of Mr. William Segiswicke, vicar of Matsale, who died July 25, 1688,

The temporalities of the abbey of *Langley*, in 1428, were 3*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.* *Thomas le Brom* held it of the abbey in the 14th of *Edward* I.

TOPCROFT.

Eudo, son of *Spiruwin*, had a grant of a considerable lordship in the town, which *Godwin*, a freeman, enjoyed under the protection, only of Earl *Guert*, in King *Edward's* reign, containing three carucates of land, 12 villains, &c. 30 borderers, with 7 servi; there were 4 carucates in demean, &c. 7 among the tenants, paunage for 20 swine, with 4 acres of meadow; and 4 freemen held under *Eudo* one carucate of land, whom his predecessor *Henfrid* gave him livery of, as belonging to this manor; under these freemen were 5 villains, and 12 borderers, with 5 carucates among them all, &c. and a saddle-horse kept at the manor-house, and 20 goats, valued then at 6*l.* at the survey at 8*l.*

In the same town, *Godwin*, a freeman, who held partly under the protection only of St. *Edmund*, and of *Edric* in King *Edward's* time, held a carucate and a half, which *Covin* after held, and 8 villains, and 11 borderers belonged to it, with 4 servi, and 2 carucates; and there were in King *Edward's* time, 8 carucates and a half among the tenants, three acres of meadow. The whole of this was valued at 30*s.* at the survey at 40*s.* It was one leuca long, and one quarter and 9 furlongs broad, and paid 20*d.* gelt, whoever was lord of it.[5]

Eudo was a *Norman*, and came into *England* with the Conqueror, and being rewarded with the manor of *Tateshall*, in *Lincolnshire*, resided there, and according to the custom of those times, assumed the name of that town; his descendants were barons of the realm; *Hugh* his son founded the abbey of *Kirstead* in *Lincolnshire*.

Sir *Robert de Tateshale*, Lord *Tateshale*, made a great acquisition to his estate, by marrying *Mabel*, one of the sisters and coheirs of *Hugh de Albini* Earl of *Arundel*, who died in 1242.

This Lord *Tateshale*, in right of *Mabel*, was lord of the castle of *Bukenham*, and the manors also of *Wymondham*, with the office of chief butler to the King. In the 42d of *Henry* III. he had a grant of free warren, and in the 15th of *Edw.* I. the lord had free warren, assise of bread and beer, a gallows, weyf, &c.

Sir *John de Cove* was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II. and in 1330, in right of *Eve* his wife, daughter of *Robert de Tibetot*, and relict of

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[5] Terre Eudonis filii Spiruin.—Topcroft ten. Godwin. lib. ho. Gert comd. tantu' T. R. E. p. man. iii car' t're. tc. xii. vill. p. et mo. ii tc. xxx bor. p. et mo. xxxvi tc. vii. ser. mo. iiii tc. iiii car. in d'nio. mo. ii tc. vii car. hou' v silv. xx por. et iiii ac. p'ti, et sub. eod. iiii libi ho'es i car. t're lib'ati Henfrido antecessor. suo p. terras, et sub eis, v villi. et xii bor. tc. v car. int. o'es. mo. iiii et i eq. in aula, mo. xl por. et xx cap. tc. val. totu' vi lib. mo. viii. In eade. ten. Godwin. lib. ho. dimidi. Edrici, et dimidi Sci. Edmundi comd. tantu' T. R. E. i car. et dim. q. tenuit Covinus sep. viii villi. et xi bor. sep. iiii ser. tc. ii car. mo. nulla tc viii car. et dim. hou' mo. v et dim. et iii ac. p'ti. tc. totu' val. xxx. sol. mo. xl. ht. i leug. et i qr. in long. et ix qr. in lat. et de gelto xxd. q'cq; ibi teneat.

Robert Lord *Tateshale*. On the death of the last Lord *Tateshale*, a minor, his inheritance came to his three aunts, *Emma*, married to Sir *Osbert Caily; Joan*, to Sir *Robert de Driby*, and *Isabel*, to Sir *John de Orreby*.

About the end of *Edward* the Third's reign, the whole lordship of this town was in Sir *Adam de Clifton*, son of Sir *Roger de Clifton*, by *Margaret*, only sister of Sir *Thomas de Caily*.

Sir *John Clifton*, his grandson, was lord in the reign of *Richard* II. and his grandson, Sir *John Clifton*, of *Bokenham* castle, the last heir male of the eldest branch of the *Cliftons*, by his will, (as appears, dying without issue male) dated *August* 16, 1447, gives to *Robert Clifton* his cousin, this lordship, with that of *Denton*. This *Robert* was descended from *Adam de Clifton*, knight, lord of *Denver*, 2d son of Sir *Adam* abovementioned, son of *Thomas Clifton*, Esq. who was brother of this Sir *John*.

In the 4th and 5th of *Edward* IV. *Robert Clifton* and *Elizabeth* his wife conveyed the united lordships of *Topcroft* and *Denton* to Sir *Gilbert Debenham*, Knt. son of Sir *Gyles*, with the manor of *Denver;* and by a fine, they were settled on *Thomas Gardiner*, as trustee, for the use of *Robert* and *Elizabeth*, his wife, for life; remainder to Sir *Thomas Brews* of *Salle* in *Norfolk*, and *Elizabeth* his 2d wife, sister and heiress of Sir *Gilbert Debenham;* and Sir *Thomas Brews*, on the death of *Robert* and *Elizabeth* aforesaid, about the 22d of *Edward* IV. had livery of it, had his will, being dated in 1479, proved *April* 27, 1483, and bequeaths to *William* his eldest son, for life, after the death of *Elizabeth* his wife, the manors of *Topcroft, Denton, Hoo*, &c.

William was son of Sir *Thomas*, by *Mary*, his first wife, daughter of Sir *John Calthorp*, of *Burnham* in *Norfolk*, and dying in 1489, left by *Isabel* his wife, daughter of Sir *John Hopton*, relict of Sir *John Jermy*, 2 daughters and coheirs; *Thomasyne*, married to Sir *Thomas Hansard*, and *Anne* to Sir *Roger Townsend;* so that this lordship came to *Robert Brewse*, Esq. eldest son of Sir *Thomas*, by *Elizabeth* his 2d wife, who, by *Catherine* his wife, daughter of Sir *John Wingfield* of *Letheringham*, had *Thomas Brews*, Esq.

Robert died in 1514, and was found to hold it *in capite*, by the 3d part of a fee, and paying 12*d. per ann.* to *Norwich* castle-guard.

Thomas Brews, Esq. married *Jane*, daughter of ——— *Scroop* of *Bentley*, Esq. in *Suffolk*, and was father of Sir *John Brews* of this town, and of *Wenham* in *Suffolk*.

His son, *Thomas*, was lord in 1590; and Sir *John Brews*, in the reign of King *James* I. who married *Cecily*, daughter of *John Wilton* of *Topcroft*, Gent. lord of *Wilby*.

After this, the *Wiltons* were lords; and in 1650 *Robert Wilton*, Esq. of *Wilby*, son of *Richard Wilton*, brother of the aforesaid *Cecily*, possessed it, and remained in that family, till *Nicholas Wilton*, Esq. sold it in 1680, to *George Smith*, M. D. second son of *John Smith* of *North Nibley*, Esq. in *Gloucestershire;* he married *Mary*, daughter and heiress of *David Offley* of *Cheshire*, Esq. by whom he had *Offley* his son, who inherited it, and died at *London*, in 1708, and was buried there in St. *Bride's* church, leaving this manor to *George Smith*, his eldest son, by *Mary*, daughter of *Thomas Archer*, of *Gloucestershire*, Esq.—*George* married *Mary*, 3d daughter of *William Churchman*, Esq.

of *Illington:* he was high sheriff of *Norfolk*, 1735, and died in 1745, leaving *William Smith* his son and heir, of *Topcroft*-hall, Esq.

HOW'S MANOR.

The abbot of St. *Edmund* in *Bury* had a lordship which *Berengarius* held of the abbot at the survey, with 2 carucates of land; 2 priests held it of the abbey in the reign of the Confessor, 4 villains, 10 borderers and 2 servi belonged to it; there were 2 carucates in demean, and 3 among the tenants, &c. 3 acres of meadow, and a socman had 2 acres, valued at 30*s.* at the survey at 40*s.* the soc belonged to the abbey.[6]

In the 7th of King *John*, *Ralph de Tyvill*, alias *Trubeville*, gave a mark to have a writ of right for the moiety of one fee in this town, of which *Roger de Hoo* had disseised him.

In the 10th of the said King, *Ralph* granted it to *Roger* for 10 marks; they both held under the abbot, and the presentation was in the abbot's fee.

A fine was levied in the reign of *Richard* I. between *Sampson*, abbot of *Bury*, petent, and the said *Roger de Hoo*, tenent, of 2 knights fees in this town, *Micklefield*, and *Ugkeshale*, in *Suffolk*,[7] which *Berengarius* held, wherein *Roger* acknowledges the tenure, and that when the scutage was at 20*s.* he would pay 20*s.* when more he would pay more, and when less he would pay less, and to perform ward to *Norwich* castle.

Nicholas de Folsham was found in the 18th of *Edward* I. to hold half a fee of *Roger de Hoo.*

And in the 14th of that King *Roger de Coggeshale* and *Mary* his wife, claimed view of frank pledge, the assise, &c. of his tenants, which they held under *Roger*, son of *John de Hoo.*

Roger de Hoo and *Agnes* his wife, settled this manor in the first of *Edward* II. on themselves, with that of *Shalfanare;* and in the 9th of that reign, *Richard Sutton* had an interest herein, as trustee to the abbot, when he aliened one rood of meadow, and the advowson of the church to the see of *Norwich.*

Thomas Speke and *Cecelia de Hoo*, his wife, had a quarter of a fee of the abbot, (which *Nicholas Folsham* late held,) in the 20th of *Edward* III.

It is probable this *Cecily* was one of the daughters and heirs of *Roger de Hoo*, and *Agnes* his wife.

After this it seems to be purchased by the *Cliftons*, and united to the manor of *Topcroft;* Sir *John Clifton* dying possessed of it in 1447.

The tenths were 4*l.* 12*s.* Deducted 1*l.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Margaret. John de Hoo* was patron in the reign of *Edward* I. the rector had then a manse, with 30 acres of land, valued at 16 marks. *Peter*-pence 9*d.* carvage 15*d.*

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[6] Terra Abbatis de S'co Edmundo.—In Topcroft tenet Berengar. de Abbe ii car. t're. qd. tenuer. ii p'rs. T. R. E. sep. iiii vill. et x bor. tc ii ser. mo. i sep. ii car. in dnio. et iii car. hom. silv. iii porc. iii ac. p'ti. et i soc. de ii ac. tc. val. xxx sol. mo. xl S'cs. E. soca.

[7] Reg. Nig. Vestiar. Abbat. Buriens. fol. 182.

RECTORS.

In 1316, Mr. *Roger de Snetesham* instituted, presented by *Richard de Sutton,* rector of *Heveningham; Richard,* abbot of St. *Edmund's,* granted license to him in that year, to assign to *John* Bishop of *Norwich,* and his successours, one rood of land, and the advowson of the church, held *in capite* of the said abbot.

1316, *John de Hoo,* by the Bishop of *Norwich.*
1335, Mr. *Robert de Stratton. Ditto.*
1339, Mr. *Thomas de Lenn. Ditto.*
1375, Mr. *John Lamb, apostolicus,* that is, collated by the Pope.
Mr. *John de Lenne,* rector.
1389, *John Wynchester,* by the Bishop.
1389, *James Cole. Ditto.*
1393, *John Attewode. Ditto.*
1393, *John de Whitteby. Ditto.*
1395, *William Lovetot. Ditto.*
1396, *John Heygham. Ditto.*
1418, *William Crane. Ditto.*

1449, *John Charles,* on the resignation of *John Sparham,* by the Bishop.

Robert Cook occurs rector, 1591, and in 1603, he returned 150 communicants, and died in *November,* 1636.

John Novell, in 1637, compounded for first fruits.
John Tenison compounded in 1640.
William Ellis, rector in 1671, died in 1693.
Samuel Kirk, died rector in 1723, occurs rector in 1693.
1723, *William Tanner,* by the Bishop.
1743, *Henry Frost. Ditto.*

The present valor is 10*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and pays first fruits, &c. and the Bishop of *Norwich* is patron.

1764, Revd. Mr. *Davy,* by the Bishop.

In the chancel, against the north wall, is a neat mural monument, with the arms of *Smith;*

In memoriam Georij Smith Armigeri, qui juxta hoc marmor sepultus jacet, uxorem reliquit Mariam, filiam natu tertiam Gulielmi Churchman, Armig. de Illington in Norfolc. comitatu, e quâ numerosam susceperat prolem. Genus et nomen duxit a generosa familia Glocest. provinciam incolente, nempe huic Georgio, pater erat Offley, illi Georgius, M. D. (qui primus apud Topcroft, eadem fixit A. D. 1680) *filius secundus Johs. Smith, Armigi. de North Nibly, in agro Glocestr. obijt* 10 *die Decr.* 1743, *quadragenarius*

On a gravestone,

Here lyes buried George Smith, M. D. he was son of John Smith, Esq; of North Nibly in Gloucestershire; he died in Topcroft-Hall, August 15, 1702, *and had* 2 *wives, Mary, daughter of David Offley of London, Esq; by whom he had one son, Offley Smith; and Ann, the daughter of William Chilcott of Isleworth, Middlesex, Esq; who left no issue:* on it the arms of *Smith* impaling *Churchman.*

Here lyeth the body of Mrs. Anne Smith, widow of George Smith, M.D. and only sister of William Chillcott, Esq. who departed this life May 10, 1708, *aged* 64 *years:* with the arms of *Smith,* impaling *Chilcot,* two lions rampant, in fess, &c.

This *Anne* was relict of ——— *Host,* Esq.

In the said chancel, a grave-stone,

In memory of William Chilcott, Esq; of Isleworth in Middlesex, who died August 31, 1705. *ætat.* 67.

A grave-stone,

In memory of Mr. John Tenison, B. D. sometime fellow of St. Peter's college in Cambridge, rector of Topcroft and Braconash; he died June 25, *in the* 73*d current year of his age,* 1671.

In the church were the guilds of St. *Margaret,* St. *Thomas,* and St. *Gyles.*

Topcroft-Hall is in the parish of *Bedingham,* and all christenings and burials belonging to the vicar of that church, time immemorial, and there was a free chapel near to the hall, dedicated to St. *Gyles,* of which the lords of *Topcroft-Hall* were patrons, this was anciently taxed at 53*s.* 4*d.*

VICARS.

In 1299, *John de Gyselyngham* admitted, on the presentation of Sir *Robert de Tateshale.*

1330, *Hugh Jagoun,* by Sir *Thomas de Cove,* in right of *Eve* his wife.

1349, *Benedict de Hocham,* by the lady *Eve de Tateshale.*

1356, *John Bolour,* by Sir *Adam de Clifton.*

1376, *Thomas Grace,* by the Bishop, a lapse.

1406, *John Solman, ditto,* a lapse.

1424, *Richard Kippax,* by *Peter,* rector of *Attleburgh,* and *Thomas Derham.*

1486, *Robert Moore,* on *John Lympyngton's* death, by the lady *Elizabeth Brews.*

Steph. Provet was the last chaplain at its Dissolution, and had a pension of 48*s. per ann.* and it was granted to Sir *Thomas Woodhouse* of *Waxham,* with certain lands belonging to it, and certain tithes of lands, and brush-wood, and long-wood by patent, *A*°. 2° *Edward* VI. pat. 4.

In the 16th of *Henry* III. *Vincent de Breccles,* rector of *Bedingham,* brought his action for the tithes of the chapel in the town of *Topcroft,* as belonging to his church.

Tateshall bore checque, *or* and *gules,* a chief *ermine; Caily,* bendy of 8, *argent* and *gules; Clifton,* checque, *or* and *gules,* a bend over all *ermine.*

Smith, sable, on a chevron, engrailed, between six crosses patteé fitchee *or,* as many de-lis, *azure.*

WOOTON.

A freeman of *Ulketel* had 20 acres, and a freeman under him, with one borderer, held 4 acres and half a carucate, with a church, valued always, the land at 32*d.* and the church endowed with 12 acres at 12*d.*;[8] this was given at the conquest to *Roger Bigot*, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk.*

In the 20th of *Henry* III. the heirs of *Roger de Clereband* were found to hold the 20th part of a fee of the Earl of *Norfolk*, and in the reign of *Edward* I. Sir *James*, son of *Clereband*, was lord and patron, and in 1300, *Tristam de Kettleburgh*, his son, a minor, held it in 1313.

Thomas de Kettlebrigg held it in the 20th of *Edward* III. of the honour of *Forncet*, by the 20th part of a fee, late *Clereband's*, and at the same time the abbot of *Langley*, *Phil. Peyvre*, and *Geff. Miniot* held here, &c. 3 quarters of a fee of *John Verdon*, he of the honour of *Forncet*, which the said abbot, and *Pauline Peyvre* formerly held; and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. the Lord *Thomas Mowbray* held, as capital lord, in *Wadeton*, in demean, the 20th part of a fee, called *Clareband's*, belonging to his manor of *Fornset.*

About this time *John de Esterford* held it under *Mowbray*, and presented to the church in 1393.

After this *William Bekeswell*, Esq. and the *Heydons*, presented as lords, from whom it came to the *Sucklings*: *Robert Suckling*, Esq. presenting to the church in 1576.

This *Robert* was son of *Richard Suckling*, alderman of *Norwich*, buried in the church of St. *Simon* and *Jude* of *Norwich* in 1552, by ———, daughter of ——— *Swaney* of *Yorkshire*: *Robert* was mayor of the city in 1572, and 1582; by *Elizabeth*, daughter of ——— *Berwick* of *Suffolk*; he had a numerous issue, *Edmund*, his eldest son, *D. D.* dean of *Norwich*, and Sir *John*, his youngest, was secretary to the Earl of *Dorset*, master of the requests, and receiver of the alienations, &c. and dying *March* 27, *A°.* 3d of *Charles* I. was buried by his father and wife in the chancel of St. *Andrew's* church at *Norwich*, where are monuments erected to their memory.

Sir *John*, by *Martha* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Cranfield*, merchant of *London*, was father of Sir *John Suckling*, the poet, who was principal secretary of state, comptroller of the household, and privy counsellour in the reigns of King *James*, and *Charles* the First. But I do not find that either of these two knights had an interest in this lordship, which descended to *Charles*, the eldest son of *Robert* aforesaid, by *Joan* his 2d wife, daughter of *William Cardinal* of *Bromley Magna* in *Essex*, Esq. which *Charles* was lord, and presented in 1624, and died in 1644, and left by *Mary* his wife, daughter and heir of *Steph. Drury* of *Aylsham*, *Robert*, his son and heir, who was living in 1664, and high sheriff of *Norfolk* in that year, and died full of years about 1690; he married two wives; first, *Anne*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Woodhous*, Bt. of *Kimberley*; second, ———, daughter of Sir *William Doyley* of *Shottesham*, Bart. and had issue by both, but was succeeded in his estate here by *Robert Suckling*, his son and heir, by his first wife, and lord in 1693: who by *Sarah*, his wife, daughter of *Maurice Shelton* of *Barningham* in *Suffolk*, Esq. was father of *Robert*, who was lord in 1700, and left by *Anne* his wife, daughter of *John Berney* Esq. of *Swardston*, *Robert Suckling*, Esq. lord and patron in 1740, and *Denzil Suckling*, Esq. in 1754, was lord.

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[8] Tre' Rogerj Bigotj ——In Wodetona i lib. ho' ej' de' de xx ac. et sub eo i lib. ho. et i bord. de iiii acr. et sep. dim. car. sep. vall. xxxid. i ecc'lia xii. ac. val. xiid.

Suckling bears p. pale, *gules* and *azure*, 3 bucks trippant, *or*.

At the survey *Isaac* held the lands of two freemen, who were only under the protection of *Godwin*, in King *Edward's* reign, and had livery from the Conqueror, consisting of 60 acres, and 2 carucates, with half an acre of meadow, then valued at 10*s*. at the survey at 5*s*.; the King and the Earl had the soc.[9]

This came afterwards as an escheat to the Crown, and granted to the *Bigots*, and so united to their manor before mentioned.

Eudo, son of *Spiruwin*, had a lordship, which the Conqueror granted him, and eleven freemen of *Godwin*, &c. held it under King *Edward* and *Guert* half a carucate of land; and 4 borderers belonged to it, with 3 carucates, an acre and half of meadow in King *Edward's* reign; the soc belonged to the hundred.[1]

Of this *Eudo*, and his descendants, lords *Tatteshale*, see at large in *Topcroft*, of which town they were lords, which they held united with this lordship.

In this town one freeman, under *Godwin's* commendation, and 5 other freemen (three of them under *Hagane's*, and two under *Algar's*) held among them, a carucate and a half of land, and 12 borderers, also 5 carucates and 4 acres of meadow, the whole was valued at 4*l*. at the survey at 8*l*. quitrent, and paid by tale 20s. as a fine *per ann.* These six freemen paid 27*s*. 4*d*. of this 8*l*. (the other part was paid by the lord of *Bedingham*). It was one leuca long, and half a one broad, paid 11*d*. gelt, whoever was lord, and King *Edward* had the soc of these freemen, but Earl *Ralph* at the time of his forfeiture unjustly held it. *Godric* at the survey took care of this manor for the Conqueror.

In *Wodetuna*, 2 freemen had in King *Edward's* time 12 acres belonging to, and valued in, *Adeton*, which I take to be some town, or place near to it.[2]

Widetuna, and *Uuddetuna*, and *Adetona*, all set forth a town seated by the water; this was also part of the aforesaid manor.

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[9] Terre Isac——In Uudetena ii lib. ho's Godui comd. tant. T.R.E. lib'ati p. LX ac. tc. ii car. p' et mo. i et dim. ac. p'ti tc. et p' val. x sol. mo. v rex et comes socam.

[1] Terre Eudonis filij Spiruwin. In Wodetuna ten. iden (viz. Eudo) xi lib. ho'es Goduinj, &c. sub rege E. Guert. dim. car. tre. et iiii bor. tc. iii car. mo. ii et i ac. et dim. p'ti. soca in hund.

[2] Terra Regis qua Godric servat——In Udetuna v lib. hoes de iii hab. Hagane comd. et Algar de ii et i lib. ho. Goduinj comd. &c. int. o'es i car. et dim. tre. et xii bord. sep. int. oe's v car. et iiii ac. pti. tc. tot. val. iiii lib. p' et mo. viii blan. et xx sol. ad numeru' de gersuma, de hijs viii lib. dant hi vi lib. ho'es xxvii sol. et iiiid ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et de gelto vid. qcu'q. ibi teneat sup. hos liberos habebat, R. E. soca. sed R. Comes tenuit injuste qu' se forisfecit ——In Wodetuna ii lib. hos. xii ac. et p'tin. Adetona, et ibi app'tiat.

How long this lordship was in the Crown does not appear, it probably was granted by King *William* II. to *William de Albini* his butler, Lord of *Rysing* castle, &c. in *Norfolk*, ancestor of the Earls of *Arundel*, and on the death of *Hugh de Albini*, the last heir male of that family, came to the Lord *Tateshall*, by the marriage of *Mabel*, his eldest sister and coheir, who had this part of inheritance assigned to him, and so was united to his other lordship.

Robert Lord *Tateshale* had the assise, &c. in the 14th of *Edward* I. and so descended to his heirs, as in *Topcroft* manor.

Hugh Earl of *Chester* had a grant of the lands of two freemen, and the moiety of another, of whom *Algar* had the protection, containing half a carucate of land, 2 villains, one borderer, with a carucate of meadow, &c. valued then at 40*s*. at the survey at 4*l*. *Stigand* had the soc; it was one leuca long and one broad, and paid 8*d*. *gelt*.[3]

This manor was afterwards held of Earl *Hugh*, by *Roger Bigot*, and at length came to the Earls of *Norfolk*, and was united to this lordship abovementioned.

John de Ratlesden had an interest, and held the fourth part of a fee here, of *Robert Benhale* and *Eve* his wife, and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. the Earl of *Suffolk* was found to hold the same as lord of *Horsford* in *Norfolk*, of the honour of *Eye* in *Suffolk*.

The tenths were 3*l*. 16*s*.—Deducted 12*s*.—Temporalities of *Sibton* abbey 11*s*. 6*d*.—of St. *Faith* 3*s*. 4*d*. and of *Langley* 14*s*. 8*d*.

The Church is a rectory dedicated to *All-Saints*: in the reign of *Edward* I. Sir *James*, son of *Clereband* was patron, and the rector had a manse, with 30 acres of land, valued at 10 marks, *Peter*-pence 18*d*. carvage 8*d*.

RECTORS.

In 1300, *Arnold de Escot* instituted, presented by *Tristram de Ketelburgh*.

1313, *John de Hoo*, by *John de Hoo*, son of *Gerard*, on the minority of *Thomas de Ketleburgh*, on a grant from *Thomas de Brotherton* Earl of *Norfolk*.

1333, *Walter de Nottingham*, by the lady *Isabel*, Queen Dowager of *England*.

1349, *Ralph Gosse*, by *John de Hoo*.

1393, *Robert Mauclerk*, by *John de Esterford*.

1432, *William Peper*, by *John Bekeswell*, Esq.

1456, *Robert Coseler*. *Ditto*.

1465, *Robert Spenser*, by *John* and *Henry Heydon*.
And. Chayte, rector.

1470, *Henry Heton*, by *H. Heydon*, Esq.

1484, *Robert Whylter*, by *Henry Heydon*, Esq.

1514, *Thomas Draper*.

1541, *Henry Manuell*, prebend of *Norwich*, by Sir *John Heydon*.

1550, *John Fox*, by the assignees of Sir *John Heydon*.

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[3] Tre Hugonis Comitis——In Wodeuna ii lib. ho's et dim. de quib. Algar habuit comd. dim. car. tre. sep. ii vill. et i bord. tn'c. i car. p' nichil m. dim. et i ac. pti. tnc. et p'tot val. xL sol. mo. iiii lib. soca Stigandi et ht. i leug. in long. et i in lat. et de gelto viiid.

1554, *William Denes*, by *Anne*, relict of Sir *Christopher Heydon.*

1559, *John Madewell. Ditto.*

1562, *William Colyson*, by Sir *Christopher Heydon.*

1576, *John Silby*, by *Robert Suckling.*

1584. *Thomas Weston, ditto;* in 1603, he returned 524 communicants.

1624, *Christopher Spendlow*, by the assignees of *Charles Suckling*, Esq.

1666, *Henry Nuthall*, by *Robert Suckling.*

1670, *Ralph Osborne*, by *Robert Suckling.*

1680, *John Brown.*

1701, *Maur. Suckling*, by *Robert Suckling.*

1730, *Matt. Earbury. Ditto.*

1735, *Robert Clipwell*, by Mrs. *Dorothy Suckling*, widow of *Robert Suckling*, Esq.

1743, *Robert Buxton*, by *Denzil Suckling*, Esq.

1744, *Thomas Missenden. Ditto.*

The present valor is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and pays first-fruits, &c.

On the north wall of the chancel is an alabaster monument, with the pourtraiture of a woman on her knees,

For Anne, wife of Robert Suckling, Esq; by whom she had 5 sons, and 4 daughters; she was daughter of Sir Thomas Woodhouse of Kimberley, Bt. and Dame Blanch, daughter of the lord Cary, Baron of Hunsdon.

MITFORD HUNDRED AND HALF.

At the survey it belonged to the monastry of *Ely*, (St. *Etheldreda* or St. *Audry*) the abbot and convent were lords of it, in the reign of the Confessor, and was valued at 60*s*. *per ann.*[1]

It was granted with the manor of *East Derham*, to that monastery by *Ethelwold* Bishop of *Winchester*, in the reign of the *Saxon* King *Edgar*.

King *Edgar* granted to it very great privileges, which were confirmed and enlarged by King *Edward*, and other Kings, and on the erection of the bishoprick of *Ely* in 1109, was settled on that see, as part of its revenues.

In the reign of *Richard* I. these royalties belonged to it, *soc, sac, thol, theam, infangtheof, and outfangtheof, frithwite, ferdwite, grithbrith*, and all forfeitures; which he confirmed, as his father King *Henry* had.

The Bishop's men were free from all toll, passage, geld, and *Dane* gelt, and acquitted from all fines for murder in the said hundred, as due to the Bishop, except they who held of a different fee, and except treasure trove. He had the return of all writs in his own fee, and that of other persons, writs, of replevin, all fines and amercements, felons goods, and fugitives.

In the 34th of *Henry* III. he had his own coroner, and the hundred was valued at 100*s*. *per ann*. in the 35th he had free warren, and in the 41st of that King his own judge for this liberty, *William le Briton;* when it was found that *Hugh de Norwold*, late Bishop, had erected a prison at *East Derham*, since the last iter of the judges, the prisoners before being brought to *Norwich*.

In the 6th of *Edward* I. it appears that he had a gallows, tumbrel, a free court, and cognizance of all secular crimes, and held pleadings in the hundred as well as the sheriff in the county, and had assise of bread and beer, and in the 21st of that King, a complaint being made by the Bishop that some persons belonging to this liberty were impleaded before *John de Mettingham*, one of the King's justices, and his associates, and would not allow of his liberty, satisfaction was ordered to be made to the Bishop, by the King, &c. in parliament; about this time the jury find it valued at 10 marks *per ann.*

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[1] Terra Sce' Adeldrede——Hundr. et dim. jacebat ad soca' A. T. R. E. et de Mittesfort——Tota soca istius hund. val. LX sol.

In the 11th of *Henry* VI. the Bishop's bailiff accounted for sheriff's aid 18s. 2d. and for the letes of *North* and *East Tudenham, Mateshale, Thuxton, Gerveston, Reymirston, Hardingham, South-Bergh, Rysing, Cranworth, Letten, Shipdam, Westfield, Bergh, Yaxham, Hokering,* and *Streteman's-Dike;* this was so called from the north street of *East Derham,* which lies in the hundred of *Launditch,* of which *John Le Strange* of *Litcham* in *Norfolk* was lord in 1277, and the men inhabiting in this street, met once every year to renew their pledges, at this dike, in the presence of the bailiffs of both these hundreds, and paid a fine, *(ne occasionentur)* not to be charged with any occasional payments. The fine was 2*s.* of which the Bishop's bailiff was to have 1*s.* 8*d.* and the other bailiff 4*d.* or to eat with the Bishop's bailiff, at the Bishop's charge, and the turn for this street was held at this place.

The hundred remained in the see of *Ely,* till granted to the Crown, by act of parliament, in the 1st of *Elizabeth:* in the beginning of her reign I find it let for 4*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* *per ann.* besides casualties; and in the 16th of *James* I. it was granted to Sir *John Hobart,* lord chief justice of the Common Pleas, for three lives.

In 1639, the hundred court was kept at *Brok-pit,* and I find the sum of 13*d.* then paid at the turn held there for lands at *Begale green* in *Mateshale.*

The office of bailiff was a patent place for life.

Bishop *Alcok,* in the reign of *Henry* VII. granted it to his kinsman *John Alkok: Henry Sharington,* Esq. held it, in the reign of *Henry* VI.

In the 37th of *Henry* VIII. *Thomas Goodrye* Bishop of *Ely* granted *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk* the office of bailiff, of all and singular the lordships, and lands in *Norfolk,* belonging to him for his life, dated at *Ely* in the chapter-house, *September* 21.

BERGH,

In old writing called *Bergh Parva,* to distinguish it from *South Bergh,* in this hundred; also *Mattishall-Bergh,* as lying near to it, and having the same lords.

It is not mentioned in the Book of *Domesday,* being accounted for in the lordships of *Ralph de Beaufo* in *Mateshale,* and that of *Hermer de Ferrarijs* in the said town, as extending into this village,

The principal manor was that of *R. de Beaufoe,* which came to the *Marshals: John le Mareshal* was lord and patron in the 11th of *Edward* I. and held it of the Bishop of *Ely,* by knight's service: from the *Marshalls* it descended to the Lords *Morley,* and in the 3d of

Henry IV. *Edmund Berry*, and *Richard Denny* of *Wymondham*, held here and in *East Tudenham*, &c. the 4th part of a fee of *Oliver Gross*, and he of the Lord *Morley*.

From the Lords *Morley* it came to the *Lovels*, and from them to the *Parkers* Lords *Morley;* as may be seen at large in *Hokering*, &c.

Edward Parker Lord *Morley*, who lived in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, sold great part of his estate: and about 1583, this lordship, to Sir *Thomas Lovell* of *East Herling*, and Sir *Francis*, his son, inherited it.

BARDOLPH'S MANOR.

Hermer de Ferrarijs's manor (who was lord of *Matishale* at the survey) descended to the Lords *Bardolf*, barons of *Wirmegey*, and became part of that barony, and extended into this village.

Willam Bardolf, lord, held one fee here, and in *Barton*, in the 13th of *Richard* II. On the attainder of the Lord *Bardolf*, it was granted with that barony to *Thomas Beaufort* Earl of *Dorset*, and after Duke of *Exeter:* see in *Wrongey*.

The Church has only an isle with a chancel covered with tile, a square tower, and 3 bells, and a chapel on the north side, and is dedicated to St. *Peter;* it is a rectory, the ancient valor was 5 marks; *Peter*-pence 8*d. ob.* the present valor is 3*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*

The canons of *Southwark* St. *Mary*, had a portion of tithe valued at 3 marks, and the priory of *Norwich* 5*s. per ann.*

On a grave-stone, in the church,

Hic jacet corpus Audoeni Thornton, clerici, qui obt. 7 *die Apr.* 1688, *ætat.* 78.

One,

In memory of Robert Dannye, Gent. who died 1699, *aged* 52: *and of Elizabeth his wife, daughter of John Smith, Gent. and died* 1691.

Another,

For Robert Dannye, son of John Dannye, Gent. who died 1670: *and for Anne, his wife, daughter of William Stewart, Gent. who died* 1694.

On a monument of black marble,

Resurrectionem beatam juxta manent reliquiæ Eliz. Guliel. Dannye, filiæ, Tho. Jegon, clerici, uxoris dilectissimæ, cujus a teneris perpetuam pietatem, prudentiam, ingenium, modestiam, cæterasq; et animi et corporis, dotes sibi ferè proprias et singulares, ore seculum laudavit præsens, laudabit futuram obt. 24, *Dec. A°. Dnj.* 1708, *æt.* 24.

In *Trinity* term the 16th year of King *Edward* I. a fine was levied of this advowson, when the prior of *Southwark* St. *Mary's* granted it to *John le Mareshal* and *Oliva* his wife.

RECTORS.

In 1300, *Richard de Geyst* instituted, nominated by *William Mareshall,* presented by the prior and convent of St. *Mary* of *Southwark.*

1321, *John de Repps.*

1361, *Thomas Goday.*

John de Repps.

1344, *Thomas de Creneford.*

1349, *Michael Ive,* presented by the prior, nominated by Sir *Robert de Morley.*

1381, *Edmund de Swathing.*

1395, *Thomas Maundevile,* nominated by Sir *Thomas Morley,* presented, &c.

1401, *John Andrew.*

1432, *John Dale.*

1439, *John Deen,* nominated by *Isabel* Lady *Morley,* &c.

1465, *Thomas Curvyle.*

Henry Toky.

1466, *William Tedyr.*

1504, *John Denne,* by Sir *William Parker,* in right of *Alice,* his wife.

John Clerk.

1507, *Roger Ward,* by Sir *Edward Howard,* in right of *Alice* aforesaid, then his wife.

Richard Botie.

1558, *Thomas Mawnde,* by *Henry Parker* Lord *Morley.*

James Pratt.

1597, *Thomas Buxton,* by *Oliver St. John,* assignee of *Henry Parker* Lord *Morley.*

In 1603, *Buxton* certifies that there were 81 communicants, and that Sir *Francis Lovel* was patron, to whom the advowson had been granted; but it appears that *Henry* Lord *Morley* had released to *Henry St. John* the patronage for 40 years.

1604, *Thomas Baldwyn,* A.M. by *Oliver St. John,* assignee of *Henry Parker* Lord *Morley.*

William Segeswych, occurs rector about 1660.

Edward Heyhoe, rector.

1742, *George Howes,* by *Mat. Postlewait,* on *Heyhoe's* death.

In this church was the guild of St. *Peter.*

Thomas Harleston, Gent. of this town, lord of *Aphow's,* &c. in *East Tudenham,* buried in this church in 1558.

William Teder, by his will in 1504, gave the tenor bell.

CRANWORTH, AND SWATHING.

This lordship was farmed, or taken care of for the King, at the survey, (who was then lord of it,) by *Godric.*

Ulf, who was lord of it in the time of *Edward* the Confessor, being deprived of it, who had 2 carucates of land, held by 13 villains, and 3 borderers, with 2 servi; there were also 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, paunage for 200 swine, and 8 acres of meadow, a mill, 2 cows, 15 swine, 20 sheep, and 20 goats; 14 socmen held 40 acres, and 2 carucates of land, valued at 100*s.* in the time of the Confessor; but at the survey at 10*l. per ann.* and 10*s.* was paid for an income or fine. It was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 15*d.* gelt, and here and in *Shipdam,* one socman of *Stow,* had 30 acres:[2] see in *Hardingham.*

Ulf was the third son of King *Harold.*

At the time of the Conqueror's survey adjoining to *Cranworth* was a town called *Swathing,* a town many centuries past destroyed and depopulated; and the lands belonging to it now included in the townships of *Craneworth,* and *Letton;* that it was a considerable village appears from the following account of it in *Domesday Book,* when it belonged to the King, and was farmed of him, or taken care of by *Godric.*

Hacon a freeman being deprived of it, which *Hacon* was grandson of Earl *Godwin,* and son of *Swain,* brother to King *Harold,* who had 2 carucates of land held by 9 villains and 11 borderers, with 4 servi; there were 2 carucates in demean, and 2 of the tenants, &c. paunage for 60 swine, 5 acres of meadow, 2 mills, &c. 30 sheep, and 6 goats, and 13 socmen belonged to it; 5 of them were in the said village, in *Thurston* four and in *Thurstanestuna* four, who held one carucate, formerly 5, valued in *Hacon's* time at 100*s.* at the survey at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and was 7 furlongs long, 6 broad, whoever was lord of it, and paid 12*d.* gelt.[3]

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[2] Terre Regis qua' Godric. servat. Cranaworda, tenuit Ulf, T.R.E. ii car. tre. sep. xiii vill et iii bor. t'nc. ii ser. mo. null. sep. in d'nio. ii car. et ho'um ii car. silv. ad cc por. viii ac. p'ti. sep. i mol. ii an. xv por. xx ov. et xx cap. et xiiii soc. de XL ac. tre. sep. ii car. t'nc. val. c sol. mo. x lib. et x sol. de gersum. et ht. in long. i leu. et dim. in lato et xvd. de gelt.

[3] In Suatinga ten. Hagan. lib. ho. t.r.e. ii car. tre. sep. ix vill. et xi bor. et iiii serv. t'nc. ii car. in d'n'o. p' mo. dim. et tote possent restaurari. tc. ii car. ho'um mo. i et al. posset restaurari. t'nc. silv. ad. LX por. mo. XL. v ac. p'ti. ii mol. tnc. et mo. xxx por. et xxx ov. et vi cap' huic man. jacent xiii soc. in eade' villa manent v in Thustuna iiii et in Turstanestuna iiii int. totu' ht. i car. tre. t'nc. v car. mo. iii t'nc. val. c sol. mo. vi lib. et xiii sol. et iiiid. et ht. vii. qr. in long. et vi in lat. quicunq; ibi tenent et xiid. de gelt.

SWATHING'S AND BOTETOURT'S MANOR.

The township or lands of *Swathing* being thus joined to that of *Cranworth* became two distinct manors, or two moieties of the township of *Cranworth,* and as such I shall here treat of them in order of time as I find them.

Swathing was so considerable a lordship, that *Runhall,* in the hundred of *Fourhow,* was a beruite to it, and valued with it, and also extended into *Hardingham.*

The ancient family of *De Gourney* were lords of this town, *Craneworth,* and *Letton,* and in the 14th of King *John* a fine was levied between *Mabel,* widow of *Lewis de Gourney,* and *Thomas,* son of *Lewis,* of lands, a mill, and 5 marks rent in *Cranworth,* and *Letton,* granted to *Thomas,* as part of her dower, and *Roger de Swathing* was witness to a deed in 1220.

In the 29th of *Henry* III. *Symon de Crepping* and *Maud* his wife, convey by fine to *John de Gurney,* the manor of *Swagesthing's,* and *John* regranted it to *Maud* for life.

Edmund de Swathing, as lord, presented to the church of *Craneworth* in the reign of *Edward* I.

William de Walcote, and *Alice* his wife, conveyed by fine, in the 4th of *Edward* I. lands and a messuage here, to *Catherine,* widow of *William de Swathing;* and *John de Gurney,* in the 9th of *Edward* II. impleaded *William de Swathing,* for chasing his hares without his license, in his free warren at *Swathing; William* pleaded that *Lewis de Gurney* was lord, and held it at the conquest, with free warren, and enfeoffed *Arnold de Swathing,* his predecessor, of a moiety of the said manor, with freewarren, &c. and *William de Gurney* in the other moiety, of whom descended *John,* the complainant, and that by reason of the aforesaid moiety, he and his predecessors, time immemorial, used, in one moiety as well as the other, to chase the hares at their will and pleasure; and *Edmund Swathing* presented to the church in 1324, and 1334.

William, son of *Roger de Swathing,* and *Martin,* son of *John,* performed suit to the Bishop of *Ely's* hundred of *Mitford,* in 1277.

Edmund de Swathing, lord of this manor, married *Agnes,* one of the daughters and coheirs of *Jeffrey de Fransham,* lord of *Fransham Magna,* and had *William* his son and heir, father of *Edmund,* whose daughter and heir, *Elizabeth,* brought part of the manor of *Fransham,* and this manor of *Swathing,* to *Henry Sharington,* Esq.

In the 15th of *Edward* I. *Guy de Botetourt* claimed free warren in his demean lands here, of this lordship; that family had been enfeoffed by the *Gurneys.*

Richard de Kerebrook acknowledged, in a pleading in the 36th of this King, that 2 messuages, 92 acres of land, 22 of meadow, 31 of pasture, in *Craneworth, Letton, Kerebrook,* &c. were the right of *William,* son of *Ralph de Saham,* and his heirs, and that *John le Botetour* was brother of the said *William,* who had the judgment of the court to recover part of the said land.

In the 5th of *Edward* II. the manor of *Craneworth* was settled by fine, on *Guy de Buteturt*, and *Ada* his wife, for life; remainder to *Ralph de Boteturte* and his heirs.

John Boteturt and *Maud* his wife, sister and heir of *Otto*, daughter and heir of *Beatrix de Bello Campo*, formerly wife of *William de Montchensy*, of *Edwardeston* in *Suffolk*, and *Robert Swinburn* and *Joan* his wife, daughter and heir of *John*, son of *John Botetourt*, had an interest herein, in the 17th of *Edward* II. and *Thomas de Swathing*, lord in the 15th of *Edw.* III.

Bartholomew de Botetour possessed it after *Ralph* abovementioned, and his daughter and heir, *Maud*, brought it by marriage to *Jeffrey de Swathing*; and *Jeffrey* was lord of it in the 9th of *Richard* II. and *Maud* his wife, as appears by a fine then levied between them, and *William de Swathing*; *Margaret*, widow of this *William*, presented as lady of *Swathing* manor in 1399.

Maud, wife of *Jeffrey Swathing*, married to her 2d husband, *Roger Edmonds*, or *Esmond*, by whom she had a son, *John*, who had the lordship of *Botetour* in *Kemberley*: he was living at *Cranworth* in the 8th and 20th of *Henry* VI. and had some interest in this lordship.

In a record of that time, *Maud* his grandmother, is called daughter and heir of Sir *Baldwin Botetourt*.

In the 13th of that King, *Edmund de Swathing* and his heirs, were found to have a right to feed their sheep in the pasture of *Ulnhawe* and *Bergesmethe*, without number, by the grant of *John de Calveley*, &c.

This *Edmund*, son of *William de Swathing*, left an only daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, who brought it by marriage, to *Henry Sharington*, Esq.

John Edmonds, by his testament, dated at *Westhorpe* in *Suffolk*, *November* 12, 1563, orders his body to be buried in the church of St. *Mary* of *Cranworth*,[4] *Margaret* his wife, executrix; to whom he deviseth all his lands in this town and *Freinge*, &c. remainder to his right heirs; and was proved *January* 12 following; by an inquisition after his death, he was found to die possessed of the manor of *Botetours*, in *Cranworth*, held of the Lord *Bardolf*, of his manor of *Cantele*, and of the manor of *Thompson*.

It appears that this lordship of *Botetours* came to *Richard Esmond*, who, with *Joan* his wife, conveyed it, in the 13th of *Henry* VII. to *John Sturges*, *Francis Southwell*, &c.

Henry Sharington, Esq. who was steward to the Bishop of *Ely*, for his hundred of *Mitford*, was lord of *Swathing's* in the 12th of *Henry* VI. and presented to this church in 1435, and 1439; and *Elizabeth* his widow in 1452, and his son and heir *Thomas* in 1477, and 1487, who died about the 12th of *Henry* VII. and was succeeded by his son, *Thomas Sharington*, Esq. who presented in 1522.

In the first of *Henry* VIII. *Hen. Thexton*, clerk, articled with this *Tho.* to serve him in the office of a priest, and to pray for the souls of *Thomas Sharington* and *Elizabeth* his wife, *Henry Sharington* and *Elizabeth* his wife, from the 2d of *October*, for one whole year, and to have beside his table (that is board) 53*s.* and 4*d.*

This *Thomas* died about 1527; it appears that he had a son, *William*, who was a minor in the 17th of *Henry* VII. and at nurse, at 6*d.* per week, and living, and lord in the 22d of *Henry* VIII.

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[4] Reg. Betyns, Norw. fol. 3.

It is probable that he and his wife *Ursula* conveyed it to Sir *Richard Southwell,* who in the year 1546, presented to this church, as lord of *Swathing's* manor: and in the 31st of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Christopher Jenney,* judge of the King's Bench, and Sir *John Jenney,* Knt. conveyed to Sir *Richard Southwell,* by fine, the lordship of *Botetours.*

From the *Southwells* the lordship came to the *Cranes,* as in *Wood-Rysing. William Crane,* Esq. presented in 1647, and 1663.

In 1680, *Brampton Gurdon,* Esq. presented as lord, and his descendant, *Thornhaugh Gurdon,* Esq. in 1762.

Thomas Barrow, Esq. was living here in the 24th of *Elizabeth,* as was *William Barrow,* Esq. his son and heir, in the 31st of *Elizabeth,* and had lands here and at *Westhorp* in *Suffolk,* which seem to come to them from the *Esmonds.*

SHARINGTON'S PEDIGREE.

Ralph Sherington, Esq.. was great grandson of John Sherington of Cranworth. = ———, daughter and sole heir of William de la Vale, of Northumberland.

Henry Sharington, Esq. = Elizabeth, daughter of ——— Felton, who bore *or,* on a bend, ——— cottised *gules,* four plates.

Henry Sharington, Esq. = Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Edmund de Swathing.

Thomas Sharington, Esq.[5]—Elizabeth.

Thomas Sharington, Esq. = Catherine, daughter of William Pirton, sister and sole heir of Sir William Pirton, Knt.

William Sharington, Esq. == Ursula, natural daughter of John Lord Berners.

This *William* is said to have had a brother, Sir *Henry Sharington,* who by *Ann,* his wife, daughter and sole heir of *Robert Paget,* of *London,* alderman, left two daughters and coheirs; *Oliva,* married to *John Talbot,* Esq. a younger son of the house of *Grafton;* and *Grace,* to Sir *Anthony Mildmay* of *Apthorp,* in *Northamptonshire.*

Thomas Sharington, Esq. had a daughter, *Cecilia,* married to *Robert Southwell,* Esq. serjeant at law, buried both at *Barham* in *Suffolk:* he died in 1514, and *Anne,* a daughter, married to *Edmund Playters,* Esq. of *Suffolk.*

The tenths were 2*l.* 10*s.* Deducted 0. 0.

Swathing bore *azure,* a bend, *argent; Sharington,* checque, *argent* and *azure,* on a flaunch, *gules,* two crosses, patteè, *or;* ——— *Esmond, ermin,* a saltire engrailed, *sable.*

Of the church of *Swathing,* I find no memorial, being delapidated many centuries past; that of *Cranworth* was a rectory, valued at 10 marks, in the reign of *Edward* I.

Edmund de Swathyngs was patron, and the rector had a manse, and 15 acres of land, and paid *Peter*-pence, 12*d.*

The present valor is 5*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*

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[5] In the church of Barham in Suffolk, were the arms of Sharington, impaling, argent a fess indented, and in chief, three lozenges, gules; the arms, as I take it, of this Elizabeth, and in a window of Barham Hall, Sharington and Scroop, quarterly.

RECTORS.

In 1324, *Reginald de Cranworth* was instituted, presented by *William de Swathing*.

1334, *John de Salle*, by *William*, &c.

1359, *Robert Osberne*, by *Agnes*, relict of *Edmund Swathyng*.

1399, *Edward de Swathyng*, by *Margaret*, relict of *William de Swathyng*.

1400, *John de Swathing*, by *Margaret*, &c.

1422, *William Thetford*, by Sir *Edmund Berry*.

1429, *Richard Rothe*, by *William Paston*, judge of the King's Bench.

1430, *Hugh Leverych*. *Ditto*.

1435, *Gregory Dalle*, by *Henry Sharington*, Esq.

1439, *Simon Sharyngton*. *Ditto*.

1452, Mr. *John Clerk*, by *Elizabeth Sharyngton*.

1452, *Thomas Lynford*. *Ditto*.

1477, *Richard Palgrave*, by *Thomas Sharington*, Gent.

1487, *William Browne*. *Ditto*.

1522, *Peter Dey*, by *Thomas Sharington*, Esq.

1546, *Robert Dobbs*, by Sir *Richard Southwell*.

1553, *Thomas Webbe*. *Ditto*.

1559, *Clement Dixon*. *Ditto*.

1572, *Thomas Bostock*, by the Queen, and to that of *Letton*.

In the 38th of *Henry* VIII. *June* 26, this rectory and that of *Letton*, were consolidated. In 1580, *William Atkinson*,[6] presented to this church and that of *Letton*, by the Queen.

1612, *Thomas Tunston*, by the King, on the minority of *Thomas Southwell*.

1632, *Christopher Sutton*,[7] S.T.P. by Sir *Thomas Southwell*; he was prebend of *Westminster*.

Thomas Lock, rector.

1638, *Richard Tedder*.

1647, *Thomas Thompson*, by *William Crane*, Esq.

1663, *Charles Neve*. *Ditto*.

1680, *Benjamin Resbury*, by *Brampton Gurdon*, Gent.

1714, *Nathaniel Salter*, by *Thomas Gurdon*, Esq.

1753, *Parker Gurdon*, by *Thornhaugh Gurdon*, Esq.

1762, *Robert Partrich*. *Ditto*.

In the church, on a monument,

Cujus hæ sunt induviæ felicem resurrectionem præstolantes? Fuit olim Dominus Gulielm. Cooke de Broom-Hall, in argo Norfolciensi Baronettus, vir omnib; numeris absolutus, omni laude major, priscæ virtutis exemplar perillustre, legum et juris vindex acerrimus, reipublicæ literariæ decus et ornamentum. Qui nefarijs pontificiorum et schismaticorum dolis idsanientium æque infensus; monarchiam et hierarchiam turbidissimo rerum statu propalam ausus est tueri. Quid plura? vivus

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[6] In 1603, he returned the number of communicants here and in Letton, to be 120.

[7] Of this Sutton see Newcourt's Repert. vol. i. p. 927.

patriæ et ecclesiæ delitium, mortuus, utriusq; desiderium; senio et arthritide confectus obdormivit. Ao. Salut. 1708, *æt.* 78. *Cujus juxta ad latus Jana uxor viro tanta non indigna e regia familia Stuartorum oriunda, sive animam sive corpus spectes præclaris dotibus instructissima, sive conjugem sive matrem pari pietatis affectu honoranda, obijt. Ao. Salut.* 98, *ætat.* 63.

On a gravestone,

John Williams, gent. sometime servant to the Right High and Mighty Prince, John, Duke of Suffolk, which John Williams died July 2, 1501.

In the church of *Cranworth*, on the windows, were the arms of *Sharington, Swathing*, Lord *Scales, Mortimer* of *Attleburgh*, Lord *Morley, Clifton*, and *Cailly*.

Winbergh; quarterly *or* and *azure*, a bend over all *gules, Blundevile; ermin*, a saltire engrailed, *gules, Bottetourt*; Lord *Bardolf*; *gules*, a fess, *argent*, in chief three plates, *Brampton*; *gules*, a chevron, *ermin*, between three bucks heads caboshed, *argent*; *Sharington*, impaling *ermin*, on a chevron, *azure*, three leopards faces, *or*, *Pirton* of *Essex*.

In the first of *Henry* VIII. *Thomas Sherington* made a new window in the north isle at the east end, also a new porch.

On a stone, in the north isle, were the arms of *Swathing*, it being likely their burial place.

In this window was the picture of the Blessed Virgin.

Gurdon bears *sable*, three leopards, faces, passant, as many de-lis, *or*; and quarters *Sexton*, *argent*, three single eagles wings expanded, *gules*: *Mounteney*, *azure*, a bend between six martlets, *or*. *Brampton*, *Clifton*, *Barton*, *argent*, on a fess, *gules*, three annulets, *or*; *Burgate*, paly of six *argent* and *azure*, a fess, over all, *gules* and *argent*, three piles, wavy, *gules*, a bend over all, *azure*.

Here was the guild of St. *John* Baptist, and St. *Mary*; to her the church was dedicated.

The abbot of *Wendling's* temporalities were 22*s*. 1*d*. *ob*.

Thomas Sharington, Esq. of *Cranworth*, by his will dated *October* 15, 1519, and proved *January* 12, 1524, appears to have had by *Catherine* his wife, (then dead,) daughter of *William Pyrton* of *Essex*, Esq. 5 sons; first, *William*, 2d, *Thomas*, 3d, *Henry*, 4th, *John*, 5th, *Anthony*, and five daughters; first *Elizabeth*, 2d, *Anne*, 3d, *Cæcilia*, *Ursula*, and *Olivia*. *Reg. Briggs, Norw.* p. 35.

The town is seated where two streams or rivulets unite, as appears from the adjunct word, *worth*; *cran* or *curne*, signifies the turn of a river, and sometimes is the name of a river, as *Cranborn* in *Dorsetshire*, and *Cranbrook* in *Essex*.

EAST-DEREHAM.

This market-town is situated at the north-west point of the hundred of *Mitford*, and nearly in the centre of the county of *Norfolk*. It is sometimes spelt *Dearham*, *Deerham*, and anciently *Derham*.

It was burnt on the first of *July*, 23d of *Elizabeth*, as we learn from a book then published, and entitled "An Account of the lamentable burning of *East-Derham*, in the county of *Norfolk*, *July* 1, 1581,"[9] in verse printed in black letter, 1582, at *London*.

On the 3d of *July*, 21st *Charles* II. it was again almost entirely destroyed by fire, five persons were then burnt, many horses and other cattle, 170 houses; the loss by which was estimated at 11,020*l.* and by goods and merchandise at 8,423*l.* the whole amounting to 19,443*l.*

The principal manor in this parish is that of

EAST-DEREHAM OF THE QUEEN.

This manor was granted to the monastery of *Ely*, by *Ethelwold* Bishop of *Winchester*, in the reign of the *Saxon* King *Edgar*, *anno* 963.

In *Domesday* book it is said to have belonged to St *Edeldrede*, (that is, to the church or monastery of *Ely*,) and to consist of five carucates of land; in *Edward* the Confessor's time there were twenty villains, in the Conqueror's 16, then 20 borderers, now 25, then 2 carucates in demean, now three, then eight among the tenants, now 7, then paunage for 600 swine now for 300; there were always three mills; three beasts of burden twelve young cattle, 20 swine, 100 sheep, 7 socmen, 30 acres of land, and 2 of meadow, three acres of wood.

It was valued then at 10*l.* now at 13*l.* It is one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and pays 15*d.* in gelt or tribute.[9]

This lordship continued a part of the possession of the monastery of *Ely* till the foundation of the Bishop's see there in 1109, (9 H. I.) when it was assigned to the Bishop, and made a part of his barony.

From a *MS.* book, entitled "*A Book of the Survey of the manors belonging to the bishoprick of Ely, taken in the time of Hugh de Balsham, Bishop of Ely, and in the 21st year of his consecration*;" viz. in 1277, is extracted the following account of it;

"This lordship is in the Bishop of *Ely's* hundred of *Mitford*, except the north street of the town,[1] and that is in the hundred of *Launditch*,

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[8] See Anecdotes of Topography, page 371.

[9] Terre S'ce Adeldrede H. de Mittefort.——Derham tenet sep. S. A. v car. tre tunc xx villi. modo xvi tc. xx bor. mo. xxv et ii ser. tc. ii car. in d'nio. mo. iii tc. viii car. hom. mo. vii tc. silv. DC por mo. ccc sep. iii mol. iii runc. xii an. xx por. c ov. vii soc. xxx ac. ii ac. p'ti. iii ac. silve tc. val. x lib. mo. xiii ht. i leu. in long. et dim. in lat. et xv*d.* de gelt.

[1] Now called Dillington: it lies on the other side of Stunton heath, on which heath the hundreds divide.

(which belongs to *John L'Estrange* of *Lytcham*) in which hundred the men inhabiting in the said street, meet once in the year to renew their pledges, at *Strutyman's-dyke*, in the presence of the bailifs of both these hundreds and pay a fine of 2*s.* ne occasionenter, (that they may not be disturbed, sued, or put to trouble,) whereof the Bishop's bailiff is to have 1*s.* 8*d.* and the bailiff of *Launditch* or to eat with the other bailiff at the Bishop's charge."

"The advowson of the church of *Derham* with the chapel of *Hoe*, belongs to the Bishop. The church of *Derham*, is in the archdeacon of *Norfolk* and deanery of *Hingham*. The chapel of *Hoe* is in the archdeaconry of *Norwich*, and deanery of *Brisley*."

The demean lands are then described, the lands of the free and copyhold tenants, the rents, customs, services, heriots, &c. &c. the several commons belonging to the manor, are abutted, and thus mentioned:

"On *Estlingker common*,[2] the towns of *Yaxham*, *Mattishall*, and *Tuddenham*, are to intercommon with the Bishop's tenants, hut not to cut wood or turf without the Bishop's leave; the Bishop and his tenants are likewise to intercommon on the other side of the bank with them and in *Tuddenham* here."

"On *Brunesmor common*, the town of *Derham*, with the homage of *William de Bellomonte* of *Little Derham*, *Gilbert de Fransham* of *Scarning*, and *William de Stutevile* of *Gressenhall* are to intercommon with the Bishop, as before, and the Bishop, and the town of *Derham*, with them, on *Scarning* common."

"On *Bukemede*, the town of *Derham* the homage of *William de Stutevile*, in *Gressenhall*, of *Thomas de Hereford* and *Gilbert de Fransham*, and the homage of *William de Bellomonte*, in *Little Derham* intercommon with the Bishop, who with his tenants are to intercommon on the other side of the bank with them."

"On *Galewetremor* the whole town of *Derham*, intercommon with the Bishop."

"On *Northalegreen* the town of *Derham*, and 13 of the homage of *William de Stutevile*, and *Thomas de Hereford*, living near that common, intercommon with the Bishop.

"On *Estlingegreen* the towns of *Derham*, *Yaxham*, *Mattishall*, and *Tuddenham*, intercommon with the Bishop."

"On *Morgate green*, the town of *Derham*, the homage of *William de Bellomonte* of *Little Derham* of *William de Stutevile*, and *Gilbert de Fransham*, in *Scarning*, intercommon with the Bishop, and the Bishop and town of *Derham* likewise intercommon with them in *Berkeslehell*."

"On *Suthwodegrene* the towns of *Derham*, *Yaxham*, *Matishall* and *Tuddenham*, intercommon with the Bishop."

"There is a common likewise in *Hoe*, called *Apelho*, and *Lyn-Croft*, in which the Bishop's tenants, the tenants of *William de Stutevile*, and *Thomas de Hereford*, intercommon with the Bishop.

"The Bishop makes annually about 10*l.* of all the abovementioned commons."

"The tenants are to put their cattle on the above commons and lands, (except in those lands, which are lately cleared of wood) from the time that harvest is finished to *Lady-day*, but the lord is first to put his cattle on, and in recompense for this right of common, the Bishop's tenants are to plough his lands called *Graserthe.* The Bishop has free warren over the whole manor; he has likewise the fisheries of *Eastmill, Kirkmill,* and formerly he had that at *Belhouse-mill,* but was late hindred there by the lady of *Belhouse* manor in *Tuddenham.* There are two water-mills, one wind-mill, and the Bishop might erect another if he pleased. The market is worth 10 marks *per ann.* The stock to be kept is 10 cows, a free bull, thirty hogs, a free boar, and 200 sheep."

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[2] Now Badley moor.

" The Lady *Alice Mareschall* held three fees by knight's service of this manor. A fine called *childwite* is to be paid for every bastard born, and another called *gersuma,* upon the marriage of a son or daughter.—A heriot is due of a death, or 20s.—The widow is entitled to half the husband's lands for life."

" Here is a wood belonging to the Bishop, called *Toft-wode,*[3] containing about 70 acres, and worth by the year 19s."

In the rolls of the King's Bench it appears that the Bishop had a fair, and that the town was 16 leuca distant from *Norwich,* by which it is plain that a leuca was then accounted only one mile, *Dereham* being exactly 16 measured miles from *Norwich.*

The Bishop had likewise a prison here,[4] for his hundred of *Mitford,* and return of writs.

On *Tuesday* after *Palm-Sunday,* here was a gaol delivery before *Thomas Derham, John Manning,* and *William Yelverton:* this gaol was near the market-house in the reign of *Henry* VI. Some part of the wall is now standing, and is a part of a house near the assembly room.

In the 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary, Edmund Pierpoint,* the Bishop's receiver, accounted for 52*l.* 14*s.* 9½*d.* profits of this manor for one year.

In the first of *Elizabeth* this manor, &c. &c. were by act of parliament granted to the Crown; and in that year the rent of assise was 23*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.*; to customary villains, 14*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*; rent called *Hedermuth,* 0*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*; moveable rent 1*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*; rent of the demeans 13*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*; herbage, 0*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*; a mill 6*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*; market and stalls 3*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.*; one acre's rent 0*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*; profit of the fair 0*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.*; the whole amounting to 62*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*

In the 18th of *James* I. *Charles* Prince of *Wales,* &c. &c. held his first court here.

In the 20th of *James* I. *Miles Hobart* and *Richard Grimes,* Esq. had a grant of the stewardship of this manor, from *Charles* Prince of *Wales,* during pleasure, and 54*s.* annual fee.

In the following year, *Richard Ashcroft,* Esq. receiver to the said Prince, accounted for 59*l.* 9*s.* 5*d.* ½. in rents, and for 27*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.* perquisites of the court, and fines of land only.

In the 26 of *James* I. *Robert Phipps,* citizen and grocer of *London,* had a lease, of all those buildings called the *Stalls* and *Standings,* and the profits arising from the stallage of 35*s.* *per ann.* from the Prince for 20*l.*

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[3] This was leased in Queen Elizabeth's reign, and the rent was 4l. 11s. 3d.

[4] In 1275, (3d Edward I.) complaint was made that men were brought hither out of the hundred of Freebridge.

In the 14th of *Charles* I. *Henrietta Maria,* Queen of *England,* held the manor,

In the 15th of *Charles* II. *Philip Harbord* farmed the manor under the Queen.

In the 34th of *Charles* II. *Charles Whitgrave* of *Carlton,* in *Bedfordshire,* held it by lease.

In the 4th of *James* II. *Catherine,* Queen Dowager, had the manor, and Sir *Charles Harbord,* surveyor general, farmed it of her, and bought the reversion for his two sons, *Philip Harbord,* Esq. and Colonel *John Harbord.*

It belonged afterwards to ——— *Shaw,* Esq. and came from him to the *Byron* family by marriage. The present lord is *Gould,* Esq. a colonel in the army.

The Bishop had a park belonging to this manor, which was granted to ——— *Crompton,* ——— *Wright,* and ——— *Meyrick* and their heirs, by patent, dated in the 24th of *Elizabeth. John Duke,* M.D. of *Colchester,* was seized of a moiety of it, (which he purchased of Mr. *Fountain,*) and by his will, gave it to *Anne* his wife, who settled it in 1636, on *Robert Paynell* of *Norwich,* Gent. and *Judith* his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of the said *John,* and *Anne Duke,* the said *Paynell* paying 800*l.* to *Thomas Cook* and *Elizabeth* his wife.

Dr. *Fountain,* dean of *York,* now owns one part of it; and ——— *Evans,* Esq. grandson of *Thomas Evans,* Esq. late recorder of *Bury,* owns the other.

In 1600, *Leonard Mapes* of *Norwich,* Gent. was lord.——1614, *Leonard Mapes,* Esq. his son. 1625, *Thomas Asty,* Gent. and *Margery* his wife.

In 1703, *Asty George,* of *East Dereham,* Gent. was lord. 1724, *Thomas George* of *East Dereham,* Gent. was lord. 1764, *Asty George* of *Norwich,* son of *Thomas George,* Gent. was lord.

COLBOWRN'S OR MOWLE'S MANOR.

John Baynard, Esq. died possessed of this manor, as by his will, dated *March* 26, in the 14th of *Edw.* IV. he devised it to be sold.[5] In the 15 of *Henry* VIII. *Henry Parker* of *Moughton* was lord of it. In the 31 of *Elizabeth,* there was a *præcipe* to *William Stanhawe,* Gent. *Robert Palmer,* &c. to render to *Thomas Heryng,* Gent. the manor of *Colbbowrn's, Mowle's,* or *Massingham's,* lying in *East Dereham, Hoe, North Tudenham,* and *Yaxham.*

The lands belonging to this manor are said to be most of them manumised.——The present lord is Mr. *Asty George* of *Norwich.*

This at the survey was probably a part of *Ralph de Beaufoe's* lordship, called

CREKE'S OR OLDHALL'S MANOR.

Ralph de Beaufoe had a lordship here which *Harold* held, as a lay fee, of *Stigand,* Archbishop of *Canterbury.* In King *Edward* the Confessor's reign it was granted to *Ralph* at the conquest, under whom

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[5] See in Geystweyte and Wood Norton.

Odar held it: in the Confessor's time it consisted of 2 carucates of land; there were then four villains, 15 borderers, 2 servi, 6 acres of meadow, and 2 in demean, now only one, and another might be restored; there were 2 carucates among the tenants, paunage for 30 swine, one mill and 5 socmen, 43 acres of land, and 2 acres of meadow, then and before, one carucate, now half an one, and the whole might be restored; then there were one beast of burden, 4 young cattle, 7 socmen, now 2, then 7 goats, now 8; it was then valued at 20*s.* now at the conquest at 40*s.*

The whole was one leuca and 5 furlongs long, half a leuca and 3 furlongs broad, and paid 10*d.* gelt.[6]

The whole soc was in the King's manor of *Mileham.*

This lordship stands accounted for under the hundred of *Launditch,* as belonging to *Mileham* manor, and lying in the parish of *Dereham;* it also extended into *Scarning,* and was called *Drayton Hall,* in *Scarning,* from its ancient lords, the *Draytons.*

In the 14th of *Henry* III. *Agnes,* one of the daughters and coheirs of *William de Drayton,* who married *William Lenveyse,* had it assigned her on a division of his inheritance.

After this, *William de Bellomonte* was lord of it in the 5th of *Edward* I.

In the 11th of *Edward* III. *Nicholas Oldhall* seems to have possessed it, when an agreement was made between him and the Bishop of *Ely,* for the service of certain land held of the Bishop. From this *Nicholas* descended Sir *Edmund Oldhall,* Knt. who by *Alice* his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Jeffrey de Fransham,* lord of *Fransham Magna,* had Sir *William Oldhall,* who on the 20th of *July,* in the 10th of *Henry* VI. had the King's protection, being then abroad in *France,* in the retinue of *Thomas* Duke of *Exeter.*

He was afterwards Speaker of the House of Commons, and attainted of treason, for being concerned in *Jack Cade's* rebellion in *Kent,* and a writ of outlawry was confirmed against him by parliament, about the 33 of *Henry* VI.

By his daughter and heir *Mary,* his manors came to *Walter Gorges,* Esq. who was found to die seised of the manor of *Oldhall* and *Creke's* in the 6 of *Edward* IV.

From this family it came Sir *William Capel,* who died lord in the 7th of *Henry* VIII. and his descendant, the Earl of *Essex,* is the present lord.

Here is another small manor, called the

RECTORY MANOR.

Of this the rector is lord.

The Church of *East-Dereham* is dedicated to St. *Nicholas,* and has a chapel belonging to it at *Hoo;* it was valued with that at 110 marks, and the vicarage at 14 marks. It paid *Peter*-pence, 22*d.* The rectory is a sinecure, valued in the King's books at 41*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.* ½. and has the patronage of the vicarage, which is valued at 17*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

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[6] Terre R. de Bellofago.———In Derham ii car. t're. ten. Herold. sub. Stigando. mo. ten. Odarus, sep. iiii villi. et xv bor. tc. ii s. vi ac. p'ti. tc. ii in d'nio. p. et mo. i et alia posset restaurari. sep. ii car. ho'um. silv. xxx por. sep. i mol. et v soc. xliii ac. t're. et ii ac. p'ti. tc. et p. i car. mo. dim. et tota posset restaurari tc. i r. tc. iiii an. tc. vii por. mo. ii tc. vii cap. mo. viii tc. val. xx sol. mo. xl. totum ht. i leug. et v qr. in long. et dim. et iii qr. in lat. et de geld xd. q'cunque ibi teneat, tota soca in Mulham.

It appears by a receipt, without any date, of *Hugo Monaldi* and others, citizens of *Florence*, that they received of the prior of *Wymondham*, 120 marks sterlings (the profits of this church) wherein the said prior was bound to ——— ———, Bishop of *Ostia* in *Italy*, and rector of this parish.

RECTORS.

1240, *Robert Passelaw*, chaplain to King *Henry* III. he was chancellor of the Exchequer, archdeacon of *Lewis*, (elected by the canons,) Bishop of *Chichester*, in the 30 of *Henry* III. but was set aside, and died rector.

1301, *Herv. de Stanton*, collated by the Bishop of *Ely* : ——— he was founder of St. *Michael's-house* in *Cambridge*, and chancellor of the Exchequer.

1327, *Alan de Hotham*, collated by the Bishop of *Ely: See Newcourt's Repertor.* vol. iii. p. 291.

1351, *John Barnet*, LL. B. collated by the Bishop of *Ely:* he was canon of St. *Paul's*, rector of *Westmyll* in *Hertfordshire*, and of *Norton* in the county of *Durham*, and afterwards Bishop of *Ely*.

1367, *John Barnet*, jun. collated by the Bishop of *Ely:* he was archdeacon of *Essex : See Newcourt's Repertor.* vol. i. p. 70.

1371, *Michael de Causton*, S.T.P. he was chancellor of *Cambridge*, prebendary of *Wells* and *Chichester*.

1396, *Richard Metefeld.*
1403, *John Bernard*, collated by the Bishop of *Ely.*
1407, *William Wynnewyk.*
1412, *John Selborn.*
1424, *Henry Merston.*
1428, *Step. Noble.*
1437, *William Ascough*, the King's chaplain, by the King.
William Erard.
1439, *John Elys*, M.D. collated by the Bishop of *Ely.*
1450, *Haymo Haydock*, by the Bishop of *Ely.*

1461, *Richard Bole*, LL. D. archdeacon of *Ely*, rector of *Balsham*, and the Bishop's official, by the Bishop.

1465, *Alexander Wodrington*, by the Bishop.
1465, *Peter Jascar*, by the Bishop.
1477, *Richard Sherborn*, by the Bishop.
1496, *Henry Edyal*,

1520, *Nicholas Hawkyns*, LL. D. by the assignees of the Bishop of *Ely ;* he was archdeacon of *Ely.*

1534, *Edmund Bonner*, LL. D. in 1538, he was installed Bishop of *Hertford*, and in 1540, Bishop of *London ;* in 1549, he was displaced by *Edward* VI. and restored again by *Mary* in 1553; again displaced in 1559, and died in the *Marshalsea* in 1569. He was the natural son of a priest, named *Savage*, but his mother, *Elizabeth Frodsham*, marrying one *Edmund Bonner* of *Henley* in *Worcestershire;* he was called by his name.

1540, *David Poole*, LL. D. by the Bishop of *Ely:* he was Bishop of *Peterborough* in 1557.

1557, *John Fuller*, LL.B. by the King.

1560, *William Mowse*, LL.D. by the Queen.

On the 28th of *September* 1579, the patronage of this rectory, and that of *Tyrington*, was granted for a time to *William Deighton* of *Stanfield* in *Lincolnshire*, Gent.

1588, *Hugo Thornley*, by *John Hogan*, assignee of the Queen.

1597, *Thomas Stone*, by the assignee of the Queen.

1627, *And. Byng*, S.T.P. by Sir *William Woodhouse*, assignee of the King.

1628, *And. Byng*, S.T.P. by Sir *William Poley* of *Boxsted* in *Suffolk*.

The rectories of *East Dereham* and *Tyrington* were leased (being sinecures) by King *James* I. on *March* 8, 1612, to Sir *William Poley*, his executors, &c. with the advowsons, for 90 years.

Gerrard Wood, S.T.P. he had Sir *William Poley's* interest herein.

1664, *John Winter:* he was author of a book entitled *Spicilegium*, *&c.* Printed in quarto for *William Oliver* at *Norwich*, 1664.

Robert Garret.

1677, *James Verdon* A.M. on *Garret's* resignation, was presented by *Susan Wood* of *Norwich*, widow of ——— *Wood*, and patroness; and in 1716, he was collated by lapse; he was rector 63 years, and died in 1741, aged 89.

1740, *Samuel Clarke*, A.M. on *Verdon's* resignation, by Mr. *Verdon*.

1761, *Francis Wollaston*, LL.B. by *Francis Wollaston*, Esq. in 1769 he was collated to the rectory of *Christ* church in *Kent*, by the Bishop of *Rochester*.

VICARS.

1286, *William* is mentioned as vicar.

1342, *Walter de Stuttee*, presented by *Alan de Hotham*, rector.

1349, *Ed. de Hotham*, by *Alan de Hotham.*

1365, *Sym. de Fennyr.*

1369, *Henry Tutyng*, by *John Barnet*, rector.

1373, *William de Greene*, by *Michael de Causton*, rector.

1389, *Thomas de Derham*, by *Michael de Causton*, rector.

1405, *Thomas Bery*, by *John Bernard*, rector.

1407, *John Bernard*, by *William Wynnewyk*, rector.

1437, *Robert Woller*, by *William Ascough*, rector.

1442, *Sim. Whatlock*, by *John Elys*, rector.

1445, *Henry Chantrey*, by *John Elys*, rector.

1447, *John Paveley*, by *John Elys*, rector.

1451, *Constant Dalby*, by *Ham. Haydock*, rector.

1458, *Robert Sheringham*, by *Ham. Haydock*, rector.

1467, *Ed. Kelyng*, by *Peter Tascar*, rector.

1479, *John Goose*, by *Richard Sherborn*, rector; he gave a house in *Baxter-Row*,[7] and three inclosures to the the town.

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[7] So called from a family of that name who owned most of it in Henry the Sixth's time.

1503, *Roger Balkewell*, by *Henry Edyal*, rector; he gave all his lands, both free and copyhold, to his successours.

1537, *George Ledys*, by *Ed. Bonner*, rector.

1554, *Richard Garnet*, by *Dav. Poole*, rector.

Stephen Phearne.

1563, *Roger Maltby*, by *William Mowse*, rector.

1590, *John Thornley*, by *Hugh Thornley*, rector.

In 1603, his answer to some royal questions was, that there were 660 communicants, that the rectory was a sinecure, and that Mr. *Thomas Stone*, rector, was patron by lease.

1612, *John Breton*, by the assigns of *Thomas Stone*, rector.

1623, *John Breton*, by *Robert Lane*, &c. *pro hac vice.*

1680, *Thomas Verdon*, by *James Verdon*, rector.

1681, *James Verdon*, by the Bishop of *Norwich*, a lapse.

1716, *William Leach*, by *James Verdon*, rector.

1741, *Samuel Clarke*, A.M.

1761, *Frances Wollaston*, LL.B. rector of *Chiselhurst* in *Kent* in 1769.

1769, *John Currey*, A.M. by *Frances Wollaston*, rector.

This church is a large pile built in the form of a cathedral or collegiate church; it has a nave, north and south isles; two transepts. or cross isles, and a chancel all leaded; there is a tower between the body of the church and the chancel, which is of antique building, as in many cathedrals; in the transepts were formerly the chapels of the Holy Cross, St. *Mary*, St. *Withburga*, &c. the south or Holy Cross chapel, was repaired by the family of the *Botons*, who lived in *Henry* the Seventh's time: the treasury or ammunition chamber, was over this chapel, for the keeping of which a salary was annually paid till *Henry* the Eighth's reign.

The south porch was built by *Roger* and *Margaret Boton*, whose names are now to be seen in the stone work.

The font is very handsome; it is of stone, the form octangular, there are the representation of our Saviour's crucifixion, and the seven sacraments of the *Romish* church carved upon it, below which are eight of the Apostles at full length, and at the eight corners beneath them are the Four Evangelists and the symbol of each, namely, an angel, lion, bull, and eagle.

The ascent up to it is by a double octagon; the upper octagon is curiously worked in the *Gothic* taste; it was erected in 1468.

The following extract from an old church account of the expense of erecting it is very curious.

"*COSTS of the new FUNTE.*"

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Imprimis. Payd to the mason quan he toke the seyd funte in arnest — — — —			iiij
Item. Payd for makyng of an obligaceon, in the which he was bound for the seyd werk — —			iiij
Item. Payd for lying of the fre stone that was for the seyd funte atte *Lynne* — — —			xxij
Item. Payd for cranyng of the seyd stone — —		ij	viij
Item. Payd for carying iiij lods of the seyd fre stone fro *Lynne* to *Est Derham*, *per* i lod carying ijs. vj*d.* *Suma.*		x	

	li.	s.	d.
Item. Payd to *Thomas Plafote* for carying of iij lodes of fre stone be the seyd space takyng for a lode iijs. *Suma.*		ix	
Item. Payd for di. chaldyr of lyme xx*d.* and cc tyle bowt atte *Norwich,* xvi*d.* — — —		iiij	
Item. Payd to *Rob. Crane* for carrying of the seyd lyme and tyle — — — —			xx
Item. Payd to *Ric. Westhawe* for iron work to the seyd funte — — — — —			xj
Item. In expens upon help quan the funte was in the reysing — — — — —			ij
Item. Payd to the mason for werkmanship of the seyd funte — — — — —	x		
Item. To his reward. — — —		xx	
Item. Payd to *Will. Plomer* for ledyng of the newe funte — — — —		ij	v
Item. Payd *William Pylche* for makyng of the stole to the funte, and the keveryng of the same —			xx
Item. Payd for makyng of aquetance betwyx our mason and us. — — — —			ij
Suma	xij	xiij	ix"

Of this money fifty shillings and two-pence was raised by a voluntary subscription of the inhabitants; the rent of the church lands, (at that time very small,) the *Sunday* gatherings, and the legacies or questword of the deceased, supplied the rest, and were the funds from which the church was repaired and ornamented.

To this stone font, in the year 1678, was added a *Gothic top,* ornamented in the taste of the time, and supported by four fluted pillars.

Before the font, facing the middle isle, stands a fine large brass eagle, on a pedestal of the same, supported by three small lions; it is gilt, and was formerly used as a Litany desk.

In the middle isle hangs a brass branch, consisting of a double circle of candle-sticks, twelve in each circle, it was purchased in 1738, and cost 25*l.*

The church is very regularly and handsomely seated, the fronts of the seats towards the middle isle are of pannelled wainscot; there is an exceedingly good vestry, with proper cases for town writings, &c.

In the beginning of the sixteenth century (1501) and in the latter part of *Henry* the Seventh's reign, the tower in the middle of the church was thought not strong enough for the bells; part of that and the bells were then taken away, and the large tower (then called the *new clocker)* in the churchyard, on the south side, and about 20 yards from the chancel, was begun; it was several years in building, and benefactions towards carrying it on were given from 1508, to 1516: in it are now a clock and eight bells; it was never completed, but the present flat roof was put up and leaded in *Henry* the Eighth's reign.

In 1458, in this church were the guilds of St. *Mary,* St. *Withburga,* St. *Mary Magdalen, Corpus Christi,* Holy Cross, St. *Peter,* Holy *Trinity,* St. *George,* St. *Thomas,* St. *Margaret,* St. *Catharine,* St. *James,* St. *Michael,* and that of *Jesu,* erected in 1457.

Thomas Spyrk, by his will dated in 1474, desires to be buried by the chancel door; he gives legacies to St. *Mary's* light, to the light and guild of St. *Nicholas,* to the lights found by the guilds before the image of the *Trinity,* to those of St. *James,* St. *Thomas* of *Canterbury,* St. *Michael,* St. *Catherine,* St. *Margaret,* St. *Mary Magdalen,* St. *Anne,* the rood, and St. *Withburga:* also to the keeping of the light in *Church-row* and that of *Sand-pit-row;* he mentions Sir *John Aylward* his confessor, and one of the three chaplains serving in the church.

Heymer's manor in *Hoe* was to find an 100 masses to be said for his soul, with "*Placebo et Dirige.*"

There are monuments, marble stones, and other memorials to the memory of the following persons interred in the church and chancel.

There was formerly round the rim of an old stone, still remaining, a brass with this inscription,

Orate pro animâ Walteri quondam vicarij hujus ecclesiæ, qui obiit 1349.

This was in memory of *Walter de Stutelee.*

The following brasses still remain,

Orate pro animà Magistris Kelyng, quondam vicarij isitus ecclesiæ, qui obiit xxv *die mensis Septembris, Anno Domini* 1479, *cujus anime propicietur Deus.——Orate pro a'ia Etheldrede Castell, que ob.* 1486.

John Kylvyngton, Esq; was buried 1490,——*Orate p. ai'a Robti Palmer qui ob.* 1491.——*Orate p. aia Grace Braddenham que ob.*

On a brass this imperfect epitaph, in memory of ——— *Aquila.*

Alta petens Aquila istac jam conditur aula
Qui manet precibus justorum gaudia lucis,
Hic rexit ternis viginti da - - - - - - - annis,
Luce sepultus ea fuerat dran - - - - - - - te Maria,
Anno Milleno D'ni quingentenoque trino.

Under it on a shield a chevron, and in base an eagle with a label inscribed,

Benedictus Deus in donis ejus,
Orate p. aiâ Joh'nis Paynter qui ob. 1526.

In the church formerly,

Here dead in part whose best part never dyeth,
A benefactor William Cutting lyeth,
Not dead, if good deeds could keep men alive,
Nor all dead, since good deeds do men survive.
Gonvile and Kaies may his good deeds record.
And will no doubt him praize therefore afford,
Saint Katrin's nere London, can it tell
Goldsmiths and Merchant Taylors know it well;
Two county towns his civil bounty blest,
East Derham, and Norton Fitz-Warren West,

More did he than this table can unfold,
The world his fame, this earth his earth doth hold.

He deceased the 4*th day of March* 1599, *ætatis suæ* 50,

This was done at the charge of *Willin Berlok,* goldsmith, one of his executors,

There are many other old stones, but as the brasses are gone, nothing can be said of them.

Henrie Perrimond ob. 1637.—*Anne Perrimond ob.* 1643.—*Elizabeth Ward, ob.* 1644.—*Thomas Asty ob.* 1634.—*Thomas Asty, Gent. obt.* 1704.—*Thomas Margetson, ob.* 1705.

In the chancel a monument with the following inscription:

Juxta deponuntur
Anna, uxor prima Jacobi Verdon, A.M. filia,
Gulielmi Balam,
Armigeri, 13 *die Februarij* 1684.
Etiam Samuel unicus illorum infans circiter,
Duas hebdomadas post illorum illam, necnon
Isabella uxor ejus 2*d. filia Rodol: Outlaw,*
Clerici, die 20, *Septemb.* 1690.
Præterea Eliz. filia p' dicti Dom. Verdon
Et Eliz. 3*tiæ ejus uxoris, nomine virginali*
Clopton, die 19 *Martij* 1704.
Etiam Maria filia eorundem parentum
Septembris 26, 1711.
Dicta Elizabetha et Jacobus,
Et Eliz. illorum soboles.
Supersunt
Hic aut loca hæc circiter ut
Spero in posterum acquiescere
Usq; ad resurrectionem.

Susan Lane, ob. 1713.—— *Francis Margetson, ob.* 1719, *aged* 85. —— *Francis Brown, gent. ob.* 1725. Arms, per bend, *argent* and *sable,* three mascles counterchanged.

Mary Browne, ob. 1726.——*John Leeds, gent. ob.* 1726. Arms, *Leeds, argent,* a fess, *gules,* between three eagles displayed, *sable,* impaling *Basset,* paly of six, *or* and *gules,* on a canton, *argent,* two bars, nebule, *sable;* crest, a cock, *gules.*

Mary Basset, ob. 1726. Arms, *Basset,* impaling *Earle, azure,* a fess, double cottised, *or.*

James Aylmer and Frances his wife, ob. 1730.——*Johannes Sayer, M.B. ob.* 1736. Arms, *gules,* a chevron, *ermin,* between five sea-mews proper; crest, a hand couped at the elbow, proper, clothed *gules,* holding a dragon's head, erased, *vert.*

Roger L'Estrange, gent. ob. 1736.—— *John Hase, ob.* 1715.—— *Ann Hase, ob.* 1722.——*Ann Hase, ob.* 1725.——*Anne George, ob.* 1737.——*Edmund Nelson, ob.* 1740.—— —— *Thompson, gent. ob.* 1741.

On a monument in the chancel

Mortalitatis memor
Hanc sibi tabulam vivens posui.
(Suos aliquando cineres depositurus juxta)
D'nus Jacobus Verdon, A.M.
Hujus ecclesiæ cum capellâ de Hoe,
Per annos 60 *jam elapsos*
Seu rector seu vicarius.
Hasce cancellorum ædes
Deo Trin. & Uni sacras
Non exiguo sumptu reparavit ornavitq;
Vicariam injuriâ deformatam & pæne collapsam
Restituit.
Cetera disce ex oppositâ tabellâ.
Vale & prospice æternitati
ob. An. { *Salutis* 1741.
{ *Ætat.* 89.

Sara Rash ob. 1742.

Peace to thy gentle shade and endless rest,
Be thou with him that made thee ever blest,
Be thou from envy and from hatred free,
And kings may wish to lead a life like thee.

William Basset, gent. ob. 1743.—— *Elizabeth Leeds, widow of John Leeds, gent. ob.* 1743, *aged* 78. Arms, *Leeds*, impaling *Basset.*

Anna Penelope Rash, ob. 1743; *and Robert Rash, ob.* 1743.—— *Judith Ward, ob.* 1747.——*Benjamin Money, gent. ob.* 1748. Arms, *Money*, checquy, *argent* and *gules*, impaling *Basset.*

Ann Hase Money, ob. 1748.——*Elizabeth Basset Money, ob.* 1749, ——*Ann Brown, wife of John Brown, gent. ob.* 1749.——*John Brown, gent. ob.* 1752. Arms as before.

E. Elsegood, widow, ob. 1755.——*John Watts, gent. ob.* 1756, *aged* 81. Arms, *Watts, ermin*, on a chief, *gules*, an annulet between two billets, *or;* in an escutcheon of pretence, the arms of *Brown;* crest, a lion's paw erased, and erected, *or*, supporting an escotcheon, *or*.

John Watts, ob. 1755.——*Lydia Pillans, late wife of Mr. Richard Pillans, merchant, of Rotterdam:*

They in both countries who knew her,
Know their loss and mourn it:
They who knew her not, have a real loss
In wanting an example so worthy imitation.

Thomas Guybon, ob. 1759, *aged* 16. Arms, *or*, a lion rampant, *sable*, debruised by a bend, *gules*, charged with three escallops, *argent;* crest, a demy lion rampant, *sable*, on his shoulder three escallops, *argent.*

Mary, wife of William Donne, gent. ob. 1755.——*Frances, 2d wife of William Donne, gent. ob.* 1759. Arms, *Donne, azure*, a wolf, saliant, *argent*, impaling *Sayer*, as before, and *Nelson;* a cross, moline, over all a bend.

Thomas Rash, ob. 1760, *and Thomasine his wife, ob.* 1745.——*John Woodbine, gent. ob.* 1760.

On a very handsome mural monument, are the following arms and inscription; *Clarke* impaling *Verdon, or,* two bars, *azure,* in chief, three escallops, *gules,* impaling *sable,* a lion rampant, *argent;* crest, a dexter arm, couped at the shoulder, proper, holding an arrow, *or.*

Infra
Reverendi Samuelis Clarke A.M.
Hujus ecclesiæ p' annos viginti pastoris fidi
In collegio sancti Trinitatis Oxonij
Studiis academicis probé instructi
Reliquiæ quiescunt.
Qui ecclesiæ rituum sedulus defensor,
Malorum omnium strenuus oppugnator,
Christianæ religionis sincerus cultor,
Miseris & indigentibus verus amicus.
Cui religio pura
Fides, integra, nudaq; veritas
Quam paucos invenient pares?
Tandem Maij die xi *placide obdormivit,*
Anno Domini MDCCLXI *ætatis suæ* LXVI.
Veri affectus erga maritum hoc vult specimen
Consors mœrens.

Susan, widow of John Watts, gent. ob. 1762, *aged* 82; arms as before.

Robert Rash, ob. 1764, *aged* 78; *Anne his widow, ob.* 1766, *aged* 77.

James Nelson ob. 1767, *and Ann his wife ob.* 1767.

A neat Gothic monument for

Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Rash, Esq. who died 1768, *aged* 40.

From the parish register it appears that in the year 1547, here died during the months of *March, April* and *May,* 106 persons.

At the west end of the churchyard are the ruins of a very ancient baptistery, over which was formerly a small chapel, dedicated to St. *Withburga.*

At the east end of the baptistery there is now remaining a curious old *Gothic* arch, from which runs a spring of clear water, formerly said to have had many medicinal and healing qualities.[8]

The fabulous account is, that this spring took its rise in the churchyard from the place where St. *Withburga* was first buried.

In the year 1752 it was arched over, and converted into a cold bath.

In the 11th of *Henry* IV. the Bishop of *Norwich* granted a license for a chaplain to perform divine service in this chapel, which appears to have been taken down in the 7th of *Elizabeth,* from the following entry in the church accounts:

"Payd to *Wyllam Crosse* for taking downe the chappell ruffe and caryen it into the churche viij."

This entry relating either to this chapel or to one which formerly wood at the east end of the north isle, and into which you went through the present north door of the chancel.

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[8] At some distance from the churchyard is another spring called St. Withburga's Well.

In 650,[9] a nunnery of *Benedictines* was founded here by *Anna*, King of the *East-Angles*, for *Withburga*, his youngest daughter, whom he made prioress.[1] This house is reported to have been so poor at its institution, that by the prayers of their prioress, the nuns are said to have been miraculously supported by two does, which came constantly to be milked at a certain time and place; this resource was but of short continuance, for the bailiff of the town envying them this supply, most maliciously hunted them away with his hounds, and as a just judgment upon him soon after broke his neck as he was pursuing his favourite diversion of hunting.

Withburga died, and was buried in the churchyard, after which the pagan *Danes* coming into *England*, the nunnery was destroyed, and the church made parochial; this happened about 55 years after her decease.

About the year 798, her body being found uncorrupted, was taken up, and translated into the church, where it remained near 200 years, when, to complete her story, we are told that *Brithnod*, abbot of *Ely*, and his monks, concerted a scheme for conveying her body from thence to *Ely*, which they effected by having men and carriages stationed upon the road, ready to receive it from those appointed to steal it away.

Their scheme succeeded, and they brought the body to *Brandon ferry*, where it was put on board a vessel, from thence conveyed to *Ely*, and there enshrined, before the men from *Dereham* could take any step to recover it.

This is styled by the *Historia Eliensis,—Sanctum Sacrilegium—Fidele furtum, Salutaris rapina.*

That is, a sanctified sacrilege,—a pious fraud,—a soul-saving robbery; it was indeed a robbing of *Peter* to pay *Paul.*

Her obiit was kept on the 17th of *March.*

Here was a famous guild or society of this *Withburga*, which had a trong brick-house called the *Guildhall*, where their feasts were kept, and other ceremonies performed.

This was dissolved by *Henry* VIII. and in the 2d of *Edward* VI. was granted to *Thomas Wodehouse* of *Waxham*, Esq. and his heirs, for ever; he the next year, granted it to *William Skarlett* and *William Atle*, both of *East-Dereham*, who the same year granted it to *John Cane*, clerk, of the same place, with all the appurtenances which it had before the Dissolution, consisting of 5 tenements, 20 acres of land, and a rent-charge of 2*s.* 2*d.* out of lands called the *Headborough* lands, all which were for the maintenance of the fraternity belonging to the guild, and originall given to pray for the souls of certain persons deceased, and for the souls of the faithful in general.

This house now belongs to *James Smyth*, Esq.

In 1615 is an entry in the town accounts of a payment of 30*s.* to Mr. *Halman*, for charges in confirming the assurance of the old shire-house to the town.

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[9] Dugd. Monast. Ang. vol. i. p. 176.

[1] Bp. Tanner says that Withburga herself founded the above priory.

Over the eastern entrance of the churchyard, was formerly a school-house belonging to the parish, which was taken down in 1662.

The rectory house is dilapidated. There are a large barn, a granary, one close of meadow, of about 6 acres, and another small piece of meadow, at the west end of the churchyard, of about half an acre, belonging to the rector.

The vicar has a very good house, gardens, &c. and about fifty acres of glebe lands.

There are upwards of 53 acres of meadow and arable land belonging to the church, which most of them lie in the parish; the rents amounting to 50*l.* *per ann.* and upwards, are appropriated to the repairing and ornamenting the church.

The following are Benefactors to the poor of this Parish.

Mrs. *Christian Gooch*, by deed, dated 8 *September*, 1634, gave an estate in *North Elmham.*

N.B. Out of this charity 20*s.* is paid for a sermon, and 3*l.* 10*s.* are paid to other parishes.

Henry Smyth, Esq. in 1626, gave a rent charge of 3*l.* 4*s.* issuing out of an estate at *Stoughton* in *Leicestershire.*

Mr. *Thomas Moor*, physician of this parish, gave lands in this parish, and other lands in the parish of *Hoe.*

Mr. *William Jeg* gave a small piece of land in this parish.

Mr. *William Potter* of *Scarning*, in 1697, gave a rent charge of 12*s.* now paid by the overseers.

Mr. *William Mountain* in 1697, gave a rent charge of 4*l.* 18*s.* issuing out of an estate in this parish.

Mr. *William Barker*, in 1720, gave money, with which a piece of land in *Yaxham* was purchased.

Mr. *Edmund Williamson*, in 1721, gave a piece of land in *Shipdam.*

These benefactions amounting to between 40 and 50*l.* a year, are distributed in money and wearing apparel to the poor inhabitants, (who do not take collection) every *Christmas.*

There are likewise upwards of 20 acres of land called *Headborough*-land, lying chiefly in this parish, the rent of which is to keep the streets, bridges, &c. &c. in proper condition.

Mr. *Aaron Williamson*, in 1710, gave a dwelling-house and a small piece of land, called *Roomes*, the rent of which is to be applied in putting out poor orphans apprentices to trades.

GARVESTON.

In *Domesday* book occurs by the name of *Gerolfestuna*, and part of it was a beruite to the manor of *Whinburgh*, held by *Hermerus de Ferrarijs*, of which *Turchetel*, a freeman, lord in King *Edward's* reign, had been deprived: this part contained one carucate of land, held by one villain, and one borderer, with one carucate and 4 acres of meadow, one runcus, 3 cows, and 44 sheep, (which was valued together with *Whinburgh*, and measured with it) and a church endowed with 7 acres.

Another part of this town was also held by *Hermerus*, of which 19 freemen had also been deprived: this contained an 100 acres of land, 4 carucates and 9 acres of meadow, valued in King *Edward's* time at 20*s*. at the survey at 55*s*. and 4*d*. of these *Bordin* held 24 acres, valued at 4*s*. and accounted for in the aforesaid value. The hundred testifies that *Hermerus's* predecessor had no customary dues from these freemen, but only their protection; on this there was a challenge to try it by combat, which one of the men or tenants of *Hermerus* accepts of it, to prove that the predecessor of *Hermerus* had all customary dues in the reign of King *Edward*, except the soc that belonged to St. *Adeldreda*, (that his the church of *Ely*,) who had the hundred court, &c. and that the predecessor of *Hermerus* had power to sell the land; and to prove this, pledges were given that it might be tried by combat. This part of *Garveston* was 5 furlongs long, and 4 broad, and paid 13*d*. gelt.[2]

The town takes its name from the river *Gar*, which arises here. *Gar* or *Yare*, is a *British* name, and frequently met with: thus *Gerboldesham*, and *Gerboisthorp* in *Norfolk*; *Garford* and *Garston* in *Bedfordshire*, *Garforth* in *Yorkshire*, &c. and also this river gives name to *Yarmouth* or *Gernemutha*, where it empties itself into the *German* ocean.

Heremerus's descendant assumed the name of *De Wermegay*, and by the heiress of *De Wermegay* it came to *Reginald de Warren*, 2d son of *William* Earl *Warren*, and from that family to the *Bardolfs*, barons, of whom see at large in *Wirmegey*.

Robert de Gerneston held it of the Lord *Bardolf*, in the 35th of *Henry* III. when *John*, son of *William de Thurston*, conveyed by fine to the said *Robert*, several customs and services demanded by *Robert*

[2] Terre Hermeri de Ferrarijs——— Girolfestun i beruita (Wineb'g.) i car. t're. semp. i vill. et i bord. et i car. et iiii ac. p'ti. et i runc. et iii an et xliiii ovs. i ecclia vii ac.—In ead. Girolfestuna xix libi. ho'es. c ac. terre iiii car. et ix ac. p'ti. tc. val. xx sol. mo. lv et iiiid. de his ten. Bordin. xxiiii ac. et val. in eod. ptio. iiii sol. ex his testatur hund. qd. suus ant. nulla' habuit consuetudine' pt. com'datione et ex h. offert juditiu' et q'da' ho. Hermeri offert juditu' qd. suus antec. habuit omne' consuetudine' t.r.e. p. soca' Adeldrede, et qd. poterat terram sua' vendere. ex hoc deder. vades. —Girofestuna v qr. in longo et iiii in lato et xiiid. de gelto.

for free lands held by him in this town, and *Thurston,* and *Robert* released to *John* all his right in the common of pasture on the east part of *Littleford* bridge.

In the 38th of that King, *William* Lord *Bardolf* had a charter of free warren, and a fair, being lord and patron in the 41st.

Henry, son of *Robert de Gerveston,* conveyed to *Robert,* son of *John de Gerveston,* messuages, and lands in the 16th of *Edward* I. and *Thomas* Lord *Bardolf,* and *Richard de Thurston,* were returned to be lords in the 9th of *Edward* II.

This lordship on the attainder of *Thomas* Lord *Bardolf* was granted to Sir *Thomas Beaufort,* Knt. afterwards Duke of *Exeter,* the King's brother, in the 9th of *Henry* IV. with the honour of *Wirmegay.* On his death, *s. p.* Sir *William Phelips,* in right of his lady, had a grant of it, and came from him to *John* Viscount *Beaumont,* and on the death of *William* Lord *Beaumont,* to the Crown; and in 1537, *Richard Southwell,* Esq. presented to the church as lord and patron.

After this, it was in the *Cranes* of *Wood-Rysing,* then in Sir *Robert Clayton,* and Sir *William Cleyton;* and *William Cleyton,* Esq. member of parliament for *Bletchingley* in *Surry,* is the present lord.

Tenths 3*l.* 10*s.* Deducted 12*s.*

The Church is dedicated to St. *Margaret,* and is a rectory. The ancient valor was 15 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 16*d.* The present valor is 7*l.* 16*s.*

It is a small pile, and has 2 isles and a chancel; at the west end a tower with 4 bells. On the tenor,

Sancta Maria ora pro nobis.

A marble gravestone in the chancel, for,

Stephen Pool, rector, who died November 22, 1703, *aged* 48.

The chancel was out of repair and unused for many years, till Mrs. *Barbara Lock,* who kept a little alehouse near the church, gave 200*l.* to the repair of the church and chancel, and 100*l.* to the poor of the parish, about 1695. The font is ancient, adorned with carving, and the church is neat, in good repair, and covered with lead.

RECTORS.

1305, *Adam Folyot* instituted rector, presented by *Thomas* Lord *Bardolf.*

1309, *Nicholas de Teneryng,* by *ditto.*

1318, *Oliver de Wachesham.*

1326, *Nicholas Noleman.*

1326, *L. Maister.*

1338, *John de Foxton,* by *John* Lord *Bardolf.*

1349, *William de Rokesdon.*

1349, *Thomas Wright.*

1356, *William de Aldby.*

1360, *John Calyon.*

1375, *Robert Hyrde,* by *William* Lord *Bardolf.*

1392, *John Salyng,* alias *Alger,* by Sir *Thomas Mortimer.*

1394, *John Newman*, by Sir *Thos. Mortimer.*

1401, *John Thornton*, by *Thomas* Lord *Bardolf.*

1402, *Thomas Smith*, by *Agnes* Lady *Bardolf.*

1403, *John de Holmeton*, by *Thomas* Lord *Bardolf.*

John Ringhere, rector.

1425, *Thomas Parker*, by Sir *Reginald Cobham.*

1428, *Thomas Tanfield*, by *Thomas Etchingham*, Esq. who recovered the presentation against Sir *Reginald Cobham*, Lord *de Sterburgh.*

1435, *Christopher Knollys*, S.T.P. by Sir *Reginald Cobham.*

1440, *Robert Style* by Sir *Reginald* and *Agnes* his wife.

1485, *William Hudson*, by Sir *William Knevet*, and Lady *Joan* his wife.

1501, *John Haule*, by the Earl of *Oxford*, guardian to *William* Lord Viscount *Beaumont.*

1537, *Edward Bachelor*, by *Richard Southwell*, Esq.

1587, *Richard Church*,[3] by Sir *Robert Southwell*; in 1603, he certified that there were 195 communicants.

1635, *Richard Thedder*, by *Henry* Lord *Matrevers*, &c.

1638, *Rowse Clapton*, by *Richard Crane*, Esq.

1647, *Samuel Willan*, by *William Crane*, Esq.

1668, *Stephen Poole*, by *Francis Crane*, Esq.

1683, *Stephen Poole*, by Sir *Robert Clayton.*

1703, *James Stagg*, by *William Clayton*, Esq.

1741, *William Baker*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1744, *William Herne*, by Sir *William Clayton*, on *Baker's* cession.

There were in this church our Lady's light and *Salowmass* light, that is *All-Souls.*

In the church windows the arms of *Whinburgh*, impaling *azure*, on a bend, *gules*, cottised, *argent*, three martlets *or.*

HARDINGHAM AND FLOCKTHORP.

THE town of *Hardingham* is not mentioned in the book of *Domesday*, and was then, no doubt, an hamlet or little village included in the township of *Flockthorp*, whereas that has been depopulated for many centuries, and is now included in *Hardingham.*

The Conqueror had in *Flokethorp* a considerable lordship, which *Godric* farmed or took care of for him, of which *Hacon*, son of *Swain*, the eldest son of *Godwin*, Earl of *Kent*, and nephew to King *Harold*, was deprived, who was lord of it in King *Edward's* reign, containing 2 carucates of land, held by 12 villains; with 6 servi, and 12 borderers, and paunage for 60 swine, 10 acres of meadow, a mill 3 carucates in demean, 4 among the tenants or men, &c. and 26 sheep, with 80 goats; and a beruite belonged to it called *Mantateston*, with one carucate, and 30 acres of land, and another beruite with 30 acres and a carucate of land, and 22 socmen held a carucate of land and 6 acres of meadow; and then there were also 5 carucates.

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[3] Richard Church, rector gave 10l. to that of Whinbergh, and 10l. to Bergh, of which he was parson, and 20s. for a commemoration sermon.

The whole was valued then at 5*l.* at the survey at 10*l.* and was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 28*d.* gelt.[4]

And in *Cranworth*, and in *Shipdam*, one socman of *Stow* held 30 acres of land, and 8 of meadow, &c. valued at 2*s.* *Robert Blund* had these socmen, but *Godric* never had.

Besides this lordship, the Conqueror had in his own hands here, 40 acres, held by 3 borderers, and one acre of meadow, valued under *Hingham*; also one freeman, who had 30 acres of land, an acre and half of meadow, with half a carucate, held by 2 borderers.[5]

He was expelled at the conquest, and his land was at the survey in the King.

CAMOIS MANOR.

Out of these tenures arose 2 lordships; one was in the family of *De Camois*, who were soon after the conquest enfeoffed of it. *Andrew de Camois* was a baron of the realm in the reign of *Henry* II.

In the 10th of *Edward* I. *David* Earl of *Huntingdon*, in *England*, and of *Carrick* in *Scotland*, a younger son of *David* King of *Scotland*, had the custody of *Stephen de Camois*,[6] a minor, and his lands, and owed the King 200 marks for the same.

Ralph de Camois held in *Flokesthorp* one fee, and a fourth part of one in *Hardingham*, of the King *in capite*, in the 12th of King *John*; and in the 3d of *Henry* III. the jury find that *Ralph de Camois*, senior, held at his death in this town, 280 acres of land in demean, 34 of meadow, and *Ralph* was his son and heir, aged 40.

This *Ralph* was sheriff of *Sussex* and *Surrey*, in the 27th of that King, &c. and died in the 43d, and *Ralph* was his son and heir; and in the 5th of *Edward* I. he died seized of a messuage, 280 acres of arable land, 24 of meadow, 24 of alder, and 50 of wood, held by half a fee, and of the manors of *Hengeston*, *Orwell*, *Wode-Ditton*, and *Burwell* in *Cambridgeshire*.

In the said year, *John de Camois* was summoned to attend the King into *Wales*, in his expedition against *Lewellyn*, Prince of *Wales*; he paid 100*l.* relief for his lands; in the 15th of that King he claimed free warren here, &c.

This was that *John* who married *Margaret*, daughter and heir of

[4] Terra Regis qua' Godric. servat.—Flokethorp tenuit Hakena lib. ho. T.R. E. ii car. t're. sep. xii vill. tc. vi ser. mo. iii et xii bor. tnc. silv. lx por. mo. xl et x ac. p'ti. sep. i mol. tnc. iii car. in d'nio. p. et mo. ii et i posset restaur. tnc. iiii car. ho'um. mo. v et xii por. et xxvi ovs. et lxxx cap. huic jacet i beruita Mantatestona xxx ac. t're. tc. i car. et alia beruita xxx ac. t're. tc. i car. et xxii. soc. i car. t're. et vi ac. p'ti. tnc. v car. mo. iii et dim. totu' val. tc. c sol. mo. x lib. blancas et ht. i leu' in long. et dim. in lato. et xxviiid. de gelto.——In Craneworda et in Scipdam xxx ac. tre. tenuit i soc. de Stow et viii ac. p'ti. silva iii por. et val. ii sol. et Rob. Blund. eos habuit i Godric. nu'q; habuit.

[5] Terra Regis——In Flocthorp xl ac. et iii bor. et i ac. p'ti. et e. in p'tio. de Hinham.——In Flocthorp xxx ac. t're. i lib. ho. et i ac. et dim. p'ti. tnc. dim. car. et ii bor.

[6] This Stephen gave, by deed, sans date, to the priory of Windham, a mill here, with the site and suit thereof, except the grinding of his own corn, and the tithe to the church of St. George of Hardingham. Reg. Windh. fol. 76. 111.

John de Gatesden; in the 26th of that King, she came before the barons of the Exchequer, and is styled late wife of Sir *John de Camois*, and took an oath not to marry without the King's license, holding lands *in capite.*

Dugdale says Sir *John de Camois*, by deed, &c. granted her over to her gallant Sir *William Paynel*, whom she afterwards married; and sued *Eve*, relict of *Robert de Tybetot*, for her dower, in the 3d part of the manor of *Burwell* in *Cambridgeshire*, and recovered it; but by the judgment of parliament, in the 30th of *Edward* I. was deprived of her dower.[7]

Ralph de Camois was his son and heir; he gave to *Margaret*, (daughter of *Mary*, wife of *William de Brews*, for life) this manor: she was probably his wife, for it appears on his death, in the 33d of *Edward* I. that he and *Margaret* his wife were seized of it, and of *Moulton* in *Norfolk.*

Ralph de Camois was his successour, and performed his homage for it in the said year; in the first of *Edward* II. he and his wife were summoned by writ to attend on the coronation of that King, and was lord in the 9th and 13th of that King, and presented then to this church; and *Thomas* his son in 1329.

He, with *Margaret* his wife, conveyed it by fine, with the King's license, to *John de Holveston*, who presented in 1342, and 1349, and died lord of this manor and that of *Bilney*, in *Heveringland*, in 1354, this being then valued at 20*l. per ann.* and *Thomas* was his son and heir, as may be there seen.

Sir *Thomas de Holveston* died about the 38th of the said King, and *William* was his son and heir, who was seized of it in the 45th of that reign.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. Sir *Thomas Barre* was lord, and before this, in 1392, presented as lord in right of his wife *Elizabeth*, who both presented in 1417, and about this time there was a contest for the right of advowson between the said Sir *Thomas* and *Robert Hill*, of *Marsham* in *Norfolk*, and *John Crane.*

Elizabeth, wife of Sir *Thomas*, died in the 9th of *Henry* V. seized of this lordship and advowson; and Sir *Thomas* her husband, dying also in the same year lord of *Knebworth*, in *Hertfordshire*, left *John* their son and heir, aged 10 years, aftewards a knight, lord of *Clehangre* and other manors in *Herfordshire*, *Bolinghope*, &c. in *Worcestershire.*

The aforesaid *Elizabeth* was before her marriage, with Sir *Thomas*, relict of Sir *Edward Kendal*, of *Wrestlingworth*, in *Bedfordshire;* and in the 24th of *Edward* III. Sir *Edward* and the said *Elizabeth* his wife, had the King's license to travel to *Rome*, with 4 persons and 4 horses.

Sir *Thomas Camois* is said to have granted it to Sir *John Arundel*, afterwards Earl of *Arundel*, who granted it to Sir *Maurice Berkley*, who presented to the church in 1444, and in 1445, *William* Earl of *Arundel.*

Thomas Earl of *Arundel*, was lord and patron in 1504, as was *Henry* Earl of *Arundel*, in the 38th of *Henry* VIII.

This *Henry* sold this lordship about the first of *Elizabeth*, to *Thomas Gresham*, Esq. of *London*; and in 1580 it was sold by the Lady

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[7] Baronage, vol. i. p. 767.

Gresham, with 10 messuages, and a foldcourse for 1000 sheep, for 1500*l.* valued at 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* to *Anthony Thwayts*, Esq. together with the advowson.

Anthony Thwayts, Esq. presented in 1541, but not in his own right, but by some grant of the Earl of *Arundel*.

In 1584, *Anthony Thwayts* presented as lord and patron; and in the 4th of *James* I. the said *Anthony*, with *Jerome* his brother, Sir *Arthur Heveningham, Daniel Reeves*, S.T.B. convey it to Sir *George Coppin*, with all its appertenances, situate, lying and being on the north side of the King's high way, called *Olley Way*, leading from *Hardingham* church towards *Kimberley*, but excepting the right of advowson.

The said Sir *John Coppin* of *Kensington*, and *Anne* his wife, sold it *December* 1, in the 6th of that King, to *Thomas Bateman*, Esq. and his heirs; and *Anthony Bateman*, Esq. of *Hardingham-hall*, and *Constance* his wife, held it in the 21st year of the aforesaid King.

By an inquisition taken at *Norwich castle, January* 14, in the 22d of *James* I. the aforesaid *Anthony*, son of *Anne Bateman*, was found to die on *November* last past, seized of the manor of *Flockthorpe*, and to leave by *Constance*, a daughter and coheir, *Philadelphia*, married to *William Rochester*, Esq. of the *Middle Temple*.

After this, ——— *Tayler*, Esq. a justice of the peace, was lord, and lived at *Hardingham-Hall*, and left a daughter and heir, *Constance*, married to *Robert Rugg*, Gent. by whom he had 3 daughters and a son, *Thomas Rugg*, Gent. who was lord in 1660, he dying without issue, by *Elizabeth* his wife, the estate was divided among his three sisters and coheirs, and their children.

Justice *Tayler* had, by will, devised 1000 marks payable out of this lordship, as a portion to the 3 daughters aforesaid, (his grand daughters,) and *Constance*, widow of *Robert Rugg*, their mother, had remarried, first, to *John Cowper*, of *Reymerston*, and after to *Thomas le Hunt* and by her had *George Hunt*. *Elizabeth*, the widow also of *Thomas Rugg*, was living in 1680, and in the 6th of *William* and *Mary*, and then the wife of *Henry Beecher*, Esq. of the *Inner-Temple*, and had an interest therein. About the same time it appears that *John Pagrave*, Esq. *John Meres* of *London*, Gent. and *Richard Parker*, had a right also. About the year 1713, *Ambrose Meers* of *Easton* by *Norwich* is said to have 3 parts of the said lordship, and *George le Hunt* of *New Bukenham*, a 4th part.

GURNEY'S AND SWATHING'S MANOR.

The *Gurneys* were early enfeoffed of a moiety of this town. *Matthew de Gurnay* demanded in the 8th of King *John*, of *Gilbert de Runhale*, a carucate of land in this town, *Swathing*, and *Runhale*, which *William* his father held in the reign of *Henry* II.

Hugh de Gorney granted by deed *sans date* to *Robert*, the *Burgundian*, the manor of *Swathing* in *Hardingham*, with the church and appertenances in fee for 20*s.* sterling *per ann*, and for the gift of one horse, at the time of making this grant; witnesses, *Gerard Calebut*, *William de Cheyney*; it was granted at *Ferretre*, before the men or tenants of the said *Hugh*, a town probably in *Normandy*, the *Gourneys* being lords of *Gourney*, a town in *Normandy*, from which they took their name, and came into *England* on the *Norman* invasion, and this *Hugh* gave to the chapter of the church of St. *Ildebert* of *Gorney* in *Normandy*, the said church.

Hugh, son of *Hugh Gornay*, confirmed to *Hugh* of *Burgundy*, son of *Robert*, the aforesaid grant, as his father held it, *sans date;* witnesses, *Andrew de* St. *Martin*, *Lewis de Gorney*, &c.; and King *Henry* III. confirmed, at the petition of *Robert*, the father, this grant of the land of *Swathing* to *Hugh* his son.

In the 41st of *Henry* III. *Rulph Redker* and *Isabel* his wife, conveyed lands to *William*, son of *Roger de Swathing*, and in the 52d of that King, *William de Swathyng* held of *John de Gurney*, a messuage, 54 acres of land, and 3 of wood, in this town and *Reymerston*, with free grinding, without toll, at *John's* mill, called *Ravensholm*, as he and his ancestors before had at *Little mill*, whilst *Little mill* was repaired, and if they should be both out of repair, that they could grind at neither, then *John* to pay 6*s.* 5*d. per ann.* till they could grind.

John likewise granted to *William* and his heirs a free bull, and a free ram, with a free fold course, and common of pasture, over all his lands, for all his cattle (*tempore aperto*) in time of shack, as his ancestors had; *William* releasing to *John*, 2 acres of land, called *Shymere*.

William de Gurnay claimed free-warren in the 15th of *Edward* I. and *John Gurney* was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. Sir *John de Mereworth* held o fee of the Lord *Bardolf*, and he of the King, late *John Gurneys;* and in the 43d of *Edward* III. it was granted to Sir *Hamon Felton*, Knt. for life,[8] remainder to *Edmund Gurney*, and *Catherine* his wife, and *John* their son, in tail.

Edmund Swathing and *Catherine* his wife, in the 17th of *Richard* II. conveyed by fine the manor of *Swathing*, to *Ralph Bateman*, except 2 messuages, 24 acres of land, 12 of meadow, 16 of wood, and 20*s.* rent *per ann.*

William Gourney, Esq. son of *Thomas*, and his wife, daughter of Sir *William Calthorp* held the manor of *Swathing* and *Hardingham* in the 2d of *Richard* II.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *John Gurney* was lord, and in 1469, *Thomas Gournay* of *West Barsham*, sen. Esq. by his will, bequeaths all his rents and services, called *Swathing*, which he had bought of *Catherine Sturmer*, to be sold.[9]

Anthony Gurney, Esq. was lord in the 26th of *Henry* III. and soon after it was in the family of *Thwayts*.

Anthony Thwyates, Esq. grants in 1589, to *Thomas Thwyats* of *Hardingham*, Esq. his father, and to *Richard*, *Thomas*, and *Francis* his brothers, all his right in the manor of *Swathing*.

This family descends from *John Thwaits*, Esq. who had possessions in this town in the reign of *Henry* VII. who by his will dated *January* 29, in the 19th of *Henry* VII. and on his death in the 22d of that King, was found to die seised of the manors of *Thwaits*, *Denton* and *Ackworth* in the county of *York;* he was son of *Thomas Thwayts* by *Alice*, daughter and heir of *Thomas de Hay*, son of *John Thwayts* of *Thwayts*, in *Yorkshire*, by *Joan*, daughter and sole heir of *Robert Thornton*; which *Robert* married *Alice*, daughter and sole heir of *Ralph Leke*, by *Margaret* his wife, eldest daughter of *Philip Lardiner*, immediate descendant of *David*, called *Lardinarius* to the Conqueror, and lord of *Davy Hall* at *York*.

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[8] See in West Barsham and Harpley.

[9] Regist. Jekyl.

John abovementioned, by his will, desires to be buried in the chapel of our Lady, in the church of *Hardingham*, and gives 13*s*. 4*d*. to the high altar of the said church, and by *Anne* his wife, daughter of Sir *William Knevet*, he had *Thomas*, his son and heir, *Edward*, *Anthony*, and *Christopher*. *Thomas* left a son *John*, who died a minor in the 3d of *Henry* VIII. *Anthony*, his uncle, succeeded in the inheritance, and by *Margaret*, his wife, daughter of *Thomas Singleton* of *Michelfield* in *Suffolk*; had *Thomas*, his son and heir, who married *Bridget*, daughter of *Robert Spring* of *Lanham* in *Suffolk*, Esq. by whom he had *Anthony Thwayts*, Esq. his eldest son, lord of *Quidenham* in *Norfolk*, by the marriage of *Frances*, daughter and heir of *Humphrey Bedingfield*, Esq. and also lord of this manor, and leaving a daughter and sole heiress *Elizabeth*, married to *Jeff. Cobb*, Esq. of *Sandringham*. *Anthony* (as I have above observed) gave it in 1589, to *Thomas Thwayts*, Esq. his father, and to his brothers: *Thomas* died in the 31st of *Elizabeth*, and by his will was buried in the chapel of St. *Mary* in this church.

In 1632, *Francis Thwayts*, Gent. was lord, and presented to this church, and about 1695, *Richard Thwayts* is said to be lord, and soon after it was possessed by *Francis Long*, Esq. of *Spixworth*, lord in 1718.

Alan Earl of *Richmond* had at the survey, a socman belonging to *Harold*, this was depending on his manor of *Cossey*.[1]

The tenths were 5*l*. 6*s*.—Deduct 12*s*.

The CHURCH was dedicated to St. *George*; in the reign of *Ed*. I. it was valued at 35 marks and the rector had a manse with 60 acres; Sir *John de Camois* was patron, and the *Peter*-pence were 3*s*. 4*d*.

The present valor is 15*l*. 3*s*. 4*d*. and pays first fruits and tenths.

RECTORS.

In the first year of *Edward* I. *William*, occurs rector.
In the 22d of *Edward* I. Mr. *Stephen de Hepworth*.
1309, *John de Hampton* instituted, presented by Sir *Ralph Camoys*.
1319, *William de Paston*. *Ditto*.
1329, *Hugh Lovel*, by *Thomas*, son of *Ralph de Camois*.
1333, *Robert Eam*. *Ditto*.
1342, *Hugh Enges*, by *John Holveston*.
1349, *Thomas de Schadenfeld*. *Ditto*.
In 1371, *Thomas Frauncеys* occurs rector.
1379, *Thomas* occurs rector.
1392, *John Hockyngham*, by Sir *Thomas de la Barr*.
1417, *Richard Corston*, by Sir *Thomas Burre* and *Elizabeth* his wife.
1444, *Clement Denston*, by Sir *Maur*. *Berkley*.

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[1] Terre Alani Comitis.—In Flokethorp, i soc. Heroldj.

1445, *Richard Bishop*, by *William* Earl of *Arundel.*

1494, *Richard Wyot*, by Sir *Henry Heydon*, and Sir *Thomas Lovell.*

1504, *Edward Crow*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel.*

1505, *Richard Mylner. Ditto.*

1520, *Thomas Bleverhasset*, aged 11 years, *ditto*, by a bull of the Pope's dispensation.

1522, *William Hogeson*, by *Thomas* Earl, &c.

1541, *Edward Thwayts*, by *Ant. Thwayts*, Esq.; in 1603 he returned 162 communicants to be here.

1632, *Nathaniel Flick*, S. T. P. by *Francis Thwayts*, Gent.
Nathaniel Joceling, A.M.

1662, *Ger. Wood*, S. T. P. by *Matt. Chapman*, &c.

1665, *Robert Steward* A. M. by *William Brown.*

1675, *John Sutton*, by *Mary Steward*, widow.

1681, *Phil. Hill*, by *Mary Sutton.*

1702, *Thomas Coleman*, by *William* and *Roger Coleman.*

1719, *James Smith*, by *Robert Stone*, clerk, executor of *Thomas Coleman.*

1720, *John Bourn*, by *Robert Stone.*

1724, *John Coleman. Ditto.*

1733, *John Coleman*, by *John Howes*, Esq.

1753, *Edmund Hopkinson*, died rector in 1758; the patronage in *Clare-hall, Cambridge.*

1759, *William Green*, rector, presented by *Clare Hall.*

In a north chapel dedicated to St. *Mary.*

Orate p. a'ia Margarete Whytwell, olim uxor. Joh. Whytwell, que migravit de hoc seculo 25, *Jan.* 1497; and the arms of *Whytwell*, a cross patonce, impaling a chevron, between three owlets, *Appleyard.*

Orate p. a'ia Geor. Thwayt, Gent. and a gravestone for *Edward Thwayt*, Gent.

Here were the guilds of St. *George*, the *Trinity*, and St. *Mary*, and a new tabernacle made for St. *Mary* in 1451; also the lights of St. *George*, the *Trinity*, St. *Mary*, St. *Nicholas*, and St. *Christopher.*

Pope *Eugenius*, by bull, confirmed the grant of the noble woman, *Mabilia de Bec*, of lands and the men of *John*, son of *Ablac* in *Flokethorp* with their customs and services to the church of the Holy *Trinity* of *Norwich.*[a]

John de la Chambre aliened a messuage and 20 acres of land here for a chantry in this church by patent *A°*. 6 *Edward* II.

Temporalities of *Norwich* priory were 63*s*. 4*d*. of *Wyndham* 5*s*. of *Hickling* 6*d*.

Camois bore, *or*, on a chief *gules*, three plates—*Swathing*, *azure*, a bend *argent*—*Thwayts*, *argent*, on a fess between three lis, *gules*, as many bezants.

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[a] Reg. 1 Ecc. Norw. fol. 70.

HOKERING.

Called in *Domesday Book, Hokelinka,* as lying on a hill, by the water, was the lordship of *Ralph de Bellofago* or *Beaufo,* of which *Sigar,* a freeman in King *Edward's* reign, was deprived.

It contained then 4 carucates of land, held by 3 villains, and 23 borderers, with 4 servi, 4 carucates in demean, and 7 among the tenants, paunage for 200 swine, and 15 acres of meadow, one mill and the moiety of another, 9 cows, &c. 80 sheep, and 3 socmen held 60 acres of land, valued at 4*l.* at the survey at 5*l.* 10 freemen also belonged to it, and the moiety of another, with 2 carucates of land.[3] It is measured in *North Tudenham.*

This *Ralph de Beaufoe* was a near relation to *William de Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford,* the Conqueror's chancellour. *Ralph* left an only daughter and heiress, *Agnes,* who married *Hubert de Rie,* castellan of *Norwich* castle, second son of *Hubert de Rie,* a trusty servant to the Conqueror, when Duke of *Normandy.*

His descendant, and probably grandson, was *Hubert de Rie,* who in the 12th of *Henry* II. certified that he held 35 knights fees, for which he paid 35 marks to the King, and dying in the 18th of that King without issue male, his two daughters and coheirs were *Aliva,* who married *John Marshall,* (nephew of *William Marshall* Earl of *Pembroke,*) made Marshal of *Ireland* by King *John,* in his 9th year, and *Isabel,* the wife of *Roger de Cressi.*

In the 13th of King *John, John Mareshall,* answered for 17 fees and an half, as a moiety of the barony of *Rye,* and was lord of this town; *Aliva* or *Avelina le Mareschall* was living in the 34th of *Henry* III. when a fine was levied between *Maud de Belhous,* and *Aliva* of the fishery of *Whytford,* and the moiety of the fishery of *Kerwin* in *Tudenham Faldgate,* (that is *North Tudenham,*) which *Aliva* granted to belong to *Maud,* so that neither she nor her heirs should take any reeds therein, or have any right of common in *Kerwen;* and also she released all right to a suit of court to her manor of *Hokering,* which she demanded of *Maud,* for a tenement in *Tudenham,* but it was agreed, that *Aliva* and her men of *Hokering, Tudenham-Faldgate,* and *Mateshale,* might take reed, &c. in *Whytford,* within the old bounds, and the same argeement to be kept about swans, as in a fine of the 24th of that King.

John le Mareschal, in the 6th of *Edward* I. held this lordship and advowson, as the capital manor of the barony of *Rye,* which those of *Matsale, Burgh Parva, North Tudenham, Folsham, Swanton, Worthing, Banham, Hingham, Byntre;* the hundreds of *Eynford* and *Fourhow,* with the manors of *Alby, Thurlton, Reydon, Morley, Wicklewood,*

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[3] Terra R. de Bellefo——Hokelinka ten. Sigar. lib. ho. T.R.E. iiii car. tre. et sep. iii villi et xxiii bor. et iiii ser. tc. iiii car. in dnio. mo. v tc. vii car. hou' mo. v silva cc por. et xv ac. p'ti. et i mol. et dim. sep. ix an. et xxxiii por. tc. LXXX ov. mo. cxiii tc. iii soc. mo. vii LX ac. tre. tc. val. iiii lib. mo. c sol. huic manerio jacent x lib. ho'es et dim. ii car. tre.

Cringelthorp, Ellingham, Barford, Tunstall, Depeham, Harpham, Snetterton, Shropham, Hackford, Bircham Newton, Sloley, Lammas, Scothow, East Tudenham, Drayton, Scarning, Fransham, Dunham, Mulbarton, Brundale,Wroxham,Posswick and *Lexham,* and died seized of them, as the eschaet rolls testify, in the 11th of *Edward* I. and the jury, in the 15th of that King, find that he had a weekly mercate in this town on *Monday,* that *William* was his son and heir, a minor; and *John de Bohun* held it during his minority by a grant from the King.

William Rosceline was found to hold *Aldby* manor by one fee.— *Jeff. Eschalers, Thelton,* by one fee.— *Robert de Morley, Reydon Wicklewood, Morley, Bereford, Cringelthorp,* by three fees.—*Gerard de Wachesham,* held in *Wortham* in *Suffolk, Ellingham, Cringelthorp, Deepham* and *Morley* four fee, and a half in *Suffolk,* &c.

Roger Bygod Earl of *Norfolk,* held in *Chedertune, Eston,* and *Gislingham,* 3 fees and an half.

Jeff. Eschalers, one fee in *Thelton* of the Bishop of *Ely,* but now belonging to Sir *John Marshall,* who held also 3 fees of the Bishop of *Ely,* belonging to his manor of *East Derham,* by knights service, and is said to pay to *Norwich* castle 1*l.* 15*s.* 6*d. ob. q. per ann.* and 15*s. Waytfee,* and was called Baron of *Rheye. See in Swanton Morley.*

On the death of *John le Marshall,* in the 10th of *Edward* II. it was found that there was a capital messuage and a park here, a wood called *Swynehagh,* with a little wood, a watermill, and windmill, &c. valued at 50*l. per ann.*; that *Dionysia* and *Hawysia* were his sisters, and coheirs; that *Dionysia* lately dying, *Hawysia* was now his sole heir, married to Sir *Robert de Morley.*

Sir *Robert de Morley,* and the lady *Hawise* his wife, paid their relief for all this barony 100 marks, in 1323; in this noble family it remained till the death of *Robert* Lord *Morley,* in 1442, who leaving an only daughter and heir, *Alianore,* was after married to *William* a younger son of *William Lovell,* lord of *Tichmersh,* who died seized of it in 1475.

Henry Lovell Lord *Morley,* his son and heir, inherited it, and being slain at *Dixmue* in *Flanders,* in 1489, having no issue, *Alice* his only sister, married to Sir *William Parker* of *London,* inherited it, and had livery of it in the 5th of *Henry* VII.

Henry Parker, his son and heir, was summoned to parliament in the 21st of *Henry* VIII. by the title of Lord *Morley,* Baron of *Rhie.*

Sir *Henry Paker,* Knt. was Lord *Morley,* baron of *Rhye* in 1561: his son *Edward* sold great part of his estate to Sir *Thomas Lovell* of *East Herling,* in *Norfolk,* and Sir *Francis* his son inherited it, and died about 1625, and then it came to his brother, Sir *Charles Lovell,* who was lord in the reign of *Charles* I.

Thomas Berney, Esq. of *Swerdeston,* lord in 1658; *John Berney,* Esq. in 1676; *Thomas Berney,* Esq in 1720; and in 1740, *Ash Windham,* Esq.

It is probable that here was anciently a castle, as it was the capital manor of the barony of *Rye.*

The rent of assise of free and customary tenants of this manor in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. was 28*l.* 4*d.*

The tenths were 1*l.* 14*s.* Deducted 6*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Michael,* and is a rectory, valued formerly at 15 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 8*d*. The canons of St. *Mary* of *Southwerk*, had a portion of tithe valued at 40*s*. *per ann*. and the prior of *Norwich* one of 4 marks *per ann*. The present valor is 7*l*. 2*s*. 6*d*.

It is a single pile, with a chancel, and a round tower with one bell.

In the chancel, on a gravestone,

Hic jacet Tho. Houghton, clericus, qui obt. 13 *Martij* 1677, *et Maria uxor ejus quæ obt.* 22 *Octob.* 1635.

On one with a brass plate,

Milleno quingenteno annoter quoq; deno,[4]
Et nono Domini, dum rex Henricus et Annum
Primum post denos tres regni octavus agebat
Hic fuit Humfridus Smalpiece, æstate sepultus.

Also this shield, quarterly, in the first *sable*, a chevron engrailed, between three cinquefoils, *argent*, *Smalpiece*; in the 2d, a maunch, as it seems, in the 3d, a chevron, between three birds, 4th as first.

This family of *Smalpiece* had a very considerable estate in this town.

RECTORS.

About 1232, *Reginald* occurs rector, and the prior of *Norwich* impleaded him for two parts of the tithes of the assarts of *John le Marescal*, lord of the town, valued at 7*s*. *per ann*.

In the 16th of *Edward* I. *Robert de Wetherby* was rector.

Mr. *Laurence de Leek*, rector.

1327, *Henry de Hokering* instituted, presented by the prior and convent of St. *Mary Overy* in *Southwerk*, at the nomination of Sir *Robert de Morley*.

1332, *John de Bolyngham*. *Ditto*.

1332, *Guy de Cockfield*. *Ditto*.

1349, *Robert Atte Brigg*. *Ditto*.

1361, *Roger Hunne*, nominated by Sir *William de Morley*, presented by the prior, &c. This *Roger* in 1374, was sued by 6 persons for disposing of the trees growing in the churchyard, at his pleasure.

1405, *William Atte Hirne*.

Bartholomew Fenwick, rector, in 1603, accounted for 84 communicants here, at that time, and that *Martin Trot* was patron, and lately the *Lovels*.

1603, *Cuthbert Norris*, D.D. instituted on *Fenwick's* death.

1621, *Thomas Stoughton*.

1678, *William Starkey*, D.D. rector.

Mr. *Sydner*, in 1723.

Mr. *George Howes* is the present rector.

Here was the guild of St. *Michael*.

In the 6th of King *John* a fine was levied between *John Marshal*, lord of the town, and *Alice* his wife, and the prior of St. *Mary* of *Suthwerk*, who then granted to *John*, &c. the advowsons of this church, and that of *Burgh*, with the consent of *John de Grey* Bishop of *Nor-*

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[4] Viz. Ao. D'ni. 1539, et Hen. VIII. ao. 31.

wich; the prior and his successours were to have a pension of 6 marks *per ann.* out of these churches, the prior to present, and *John* and his heirs to nominate; which is the first time I meet with such a distinction; and in the 17 of *Edward* I. the prior recovered the 6 marks by suit, of *Robert de Wetherby,* rector.

King *Henry* I. confirmed to the priory of *Norwich* the grant of *Hubert de Ria,* and *Agnes* his wife, of the tithe of his demeans here, at the request of *Henry,* son of *Hubert;* witnesses, *William de Tancardvill,* and *Robert Basset,* &c.

This portion was valued at 4 marks *per ann.* The temporalities of *Norwich* priory at 12*d.*—of *Pentney* at 4*s.*—of *Carhow* at 3*s.*

Thomas Lord *Morley* aliened, in the 13th of *Richard* II. to the *Austin-friars* of *Thetford,* a messuage, and 4 acres of land in *Thetford,* and tenements here, &c.

The township had, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. 7 acres of meadow land, in 5 pieces, in *Broad* meadow, and paid to the lord 10*d. per ann.* also a guildhall, and paid ½ *per ann.* also half an acre of meadow, and paid 1*d.* and an alder car of an acre, and paid 1*d.*

LETTON.

WILLIAM EARL WARREN had the lordship of this town at the survey, of which 9 freeman had been deprived; half a carucate belonged to it, 2 borderers, and 8 acres of meadow, and three carucates, valued in King *Edward's* time at 10*s.* but now at 20*s.* and there was a church endowed with 12 acres; and it was 6 furlongs long, 5 broad, and paid 15*d.*[5]

In 1161, *Gilbert de Rysing* was lord, and a great benefactor to the priory of *Lewes;* and *Roger,* son of *Baldwin de Frevil,* conveyed in the 11th of King *John,* to *Adam de Moundeford,* the rent of 20*s. per ann.*

Simon de Hecham and his parceners, in 1277, had the homage of *Morehow; Richard Fitz-Warren* the homage of *Frevil,* and in the 7th of *Edward* I. *Richard,* son of *William de Breccles,* and *Katherine* his wife, conveyed to *Robert de Westhorp,* messuages and lands.

Michael de Poynings and his tenants, had lands held of the Earl of *Warren's* fee, in the 9th of *Edward* II. and *Robert de Scales,* the fourth part of a fee in the 6th *Edward* III.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *Thomas Howard,* and *Robert Curson,* held here and in *Shipdam,* a quarter of a fee of *Michael Poynings;* and this was in the tenure of *John Skeet,* and held of the Earl of *Arundel* in the 3d of *Henry* IV.

After this, it was in the *Bramptons,* and came to *John Gurdon,* Esq.

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[5] T're. Will. de Warenna——In Lettuna ix libi. ho'es T. R. E. p. dim. car. t're. et ii bord. et xiii ac. p'ti. silva de viii porc. semp. iii car. tc. val. x sol. mo. xx sol. i ecclia xii ac. ht. vi qr. in long. et v in lato, et xv den. de gelto.

eldest son of *Robert Gurdon*, Esq. of *Assington* in *Suffolk*, by the marriage of *Amy*, sole daughter and heir of *William Brampton*, Esq. of *Letton*, son of Sir *Thomas Brampton*, who was son of Sir *Peter Brampton*.

This *John* was high sheriff of *Suffolk*, in 1585, and died in 1623, leaving *Brampton Gurdon*, Esq. his son and heir; and by his 2d wife, *Muriel*, daughter of Sir *Martin Sidley*, of *Morley* in *Norfolk*, was father of *Brampton Gurdon*, Esq. living in 1664, who married *Mary*, daughter of *Henry Polsted* of *London*, Gent. by whom he had *Brampton Gurdon*, Esq. and by his wife, *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Francis Thornhaugh*, of *Fenton*, in *Nottinghamshire*, left *Thornhaugh Gurdon*, Esq. father of *Thornhagh Gurdon*, Esq. by *Elizabeth*, daughter and coheir of Sir *William Cook*, Bart. lord of this town.

LEWES PRIORY MANOR.

Gilbert de Rising, in 1161, gave to this priory in *Sussex*, by deed, (wherein he calls the monks his lords[6]) half the soccage of *Letton* for 15 years, from the feast of St. *Michael*, and after the coming of the king into *England*, when he sent the abbots and Earls through all *England* to enquire into the actions of the sheriffs and provosts, and the other mediety, together with the advowson, to the priory for ever.

At the Dissolution, King *Henry* VIII. *December* 22, in his 29th year, granted it to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*. *Hugh de Gurnay* of *Letton*, granted them a tenement, &c. *sans* date.

Under the invasions of *Hermerus de Ferrarijs* we find that he had seized on 21 acres of land, which 2 freemen held in the time of the Confessor, and were under protection only, at that time, and one freeman now possessed it under *Hermerus*, with 4 acres of meadow, valued at 3*s.* 4*d.*[7]

This came to the Lords *Bardolf*, and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Robert Read*, and his parceners, held here, in *Shipdam*, *Yaxham*, &c. lands, sometime *William Atte Rodes*, by the 5th part of a fee, of the honour of *Wirmegey*; and *Robert Fishpoole* held it *ao.* 5th of *Henry* VI.

Will. de Scohies had 27 acres, and an acre and an half of meadow, of which a freeman was deprived; held then by a borderer, with half a carucate, valued at 23*d.*[8]

The tenths were 3*l.* 10*s.* Deducted 12*s.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to *All-Saints*.——The ancient valor was 16 marks, paid *Peter*-pence, 12*d.* and the priory of *Lewes* had a portion of tithe valued at 20*s.* *per ann.* The present valor is 7*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*

Walter le Vache, rector, set a fold on the land of his church, in the 9th of *Edward* I. but it was not allowed.

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[6] Reg. Lewes in Bibl. Cotton.

[7] Invasiones Hermeri de Ferrarijs—— In Letuna ii libi. ho's comd. tantu' xxi ac. t're. T.R.E. mo. tenet i lib. ho. et iiii ac. p'ti. silv. iiii por. val. iii sol. et iiiid.

[8] Terra Willi. de Scohies———In Letteuna i lib. ho. xxvii ac. et i ac. et dim. p'ti. et i bor. et dim. car. et val. xxxiid.

RECTORS.

In 1308, Mr. *Adam de Skerning*, rector, by papal provision.
Mr. *Thomas de Honing*, rector.
1345, *Alexander de Berney*, presented by *John* Earl *Warren*.
1353, *John de Wendlyngburgh*, by the prior of *Lewes*.
1356, *Thomas de Reynham*, by the prior, &c.
1361, *Reginald de Baxter*, by the Pope, *apostolicus*.
1375, *John Gardiner*.
1419, *John Hokham*, LL.D. by the prior, &c.
1423, *William Ilkyn*. *Ditto.*
1447, *John Cappe*. *Ditto.*
1490, *Henry Holman*. *Ditto.*
1513, *John Hagethorp*. *Ditto.*

In the 38th of *Henry* VIII. *June* 26, this church was consolidated to that of *Cranworth*, and the same rectors, to which I refer the reader.

Here were the guilds of St. *Mary* and St. *Thomas*.

MATESHALE.

THE principal lordship at the survey was in the hands of *Ralph de Beaufoe*, of which 14 freemen (who held it in King *Edward's* time) were deprived, 2 carucates and a half, and 20 acres of land belonged to it, with 12 villains, and 5 carucates, and 6 acres of meadow, and a church endowed with 20 acres, valued at 16½*d.* In King *Edward's* time this lordship was valued at 60*s.* at the survey at 43*s.* was 7 furlongs long, and 6 broad, and paid 36½*d.* gelt.[9]

Ralph had also another tenure here, to make up his lordship, of which 5 freemen were deprived, who held 2 carucates of land, and 4 borderers, and 4 carucates of meadow, valued at 20*s.* at the survey at 32*s.* 4*d.* but the soc was in the abbot of *Ely*.

Hubert de Rie, castellan of *Norwich*, by the marriage of *Agnes*, only daughter and heir of *Ralph*, succeeded him; and from this family it came by *Aliva*, a daughter and coheir to *John Marshal*, of the family of the heirs of *Pembroke*, in the reign of *Henry* II. and by *Hawys*, daughter and heir of *John le Marshal*, to Sir *Robert Morley*, who was lord in 1323.

Robert Lord *Morley's* only daughter and heir, *Alianore*, brought it by marriage to *William Lovell*, a younger son of the Lord *Lovell* of *Tichmershe*, who died seized of it in 1475.

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[9] Terra R. de Bellofago. —— In Mateshala xiiii libi. ho'es ii car. t're. et dim. et xx ac. et xii vill. et v car. et vi acr. p'ti. i ecclia xx ac. et val. xvid. tc. val. lx sol. mo. xliii et ht. vii qr. in long. et vi in lat. et xxxvi d. et obolu' de gelto.

Alice, only sister and heir of *Henry Lovell* Lord *Morley* married Sir *Will. Parker*, and in her right, enjoyed it, and had livery in the 5th of *Henry* VII. and his descendant, *Edward Parker* Lord *Morley*, about 1583, sold great part of his inheritance, and this lordship, to Sir *Thomas Lovell*, of *East Herling*, and his son, Sir *Francis*, possessed it in 1620, &c.

Thomas Berney, Esq. of *Swerdeston*, lord in 1658, *John Berney*, in 1676; *Thomas Berney*, Esq. 1720; and in 1740, *Ash Windham*, Esq.

The rent of assise of free and customary tenants of this manor, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. was 18*l.* 13*s.*

In this town the church of *Ely* had in the time of the Confessor, 8 socmen, who held 30 acres of land, and 2 carucates of meadow, but at the survey there was but one carucate, and 8 acres, valued at 20*s.* at the survey at 13*s.*

This also was joined soon after the survey, to the aforesaid manor.

John de Mareschal held here and in *North Tudenham*, in the reign of *Edward* I. one fee and an half of the Bishop of *Ely*. In the 20th of *Edward* III. *Robert* Lord *Morley* held one fee and an half of the church of *Ely*.

Hermerus de Ferrariis had seized on a carucate and 39 acres of land, held by 20 freemen, who in King *Edward's* reign, were only under commendation or protection.

There were 3 villains, 2 borderers, 12 acres of meadow, and the moiety of a mill, and at that time 4 carucates also, valued at 30*s.* at the survey at 42, but this part was held by them without any commendation.[1]

This lordship came by descent from *Hermerus*, to the Lords *Bardolf*, Barons of *Wirmegey*.

In the 38th of *Henry* III. *William* Lord *Bardolf* had a charter for free warren, as part of that manor.

In the 3d of *Edward* III. *Robert Attehawe* held the 4th part of a fee in this town, *Yaxham*, &c. of Sir *Thomas* Lord *Bardolf*, and *John de Wace*, a fourth part here, in *Thirston*, &c.

In the 43d of that King, *Gregory Sterre*, and *Alice* his wife, conveyed by fine, to *John de Mountney* and *Joan* his wife, a messuage, 52 acres of land, 27 of pasture, 5 of wood, and 28*s.* rent in *Mateshale*, *Bergh*, *North* and *East Tudenham*, *Hokering* and *Yaxham*.

On the attainder of *Thomas* Lord *Bardolf*, in the reign of *Henry* IV. the King granted it with the honour of *Wirmegay*, to his brother, *Thomas Beaufort* Earl of *Dorset*, and after Duke of *Exeter*.

In the 22d of *Edward* IV. *Roger Drury*, Esq. and *Anne* his wife, daughter and heir of *Henry Sturmer*, passed by fine to *Alexander Cressener*, Esq. *Henry L'Estrange*, *John Garneys*, *William Drury*, Esq. *Henry Fenne*, Esq. &c. 300 acres of land, 60 of meadow, 100 of pasture, 16 of wood, 100 of marsh, 60 of heath, and 5*l.* rent, with 2 fold-courses here, in *Bergh*, *Hokering*, &c. from the heirs of *Anne*. At the same time also *John Pagrave* and *Margaret* his wife, another of the daughters and coheirs of *Sturmer*, conveyed their right to *Henry Fenne* and his heirs.

In the 6th of *Henry* VIII. it was in the Crown together with the honour of *Wirmegay,* as may be seen in the account of that town, and at this time was possessed by *Henry Pagrave,* who died lord of it, and of *Burgh:* as may be seen by his will, proved *January* 14, 1527, and held of the said honour.[2]

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[1] In Mateshala xx libi. ho's comd. tantu' i car t're. xxxix ac. sep. iii vill. ii bor. xii ac. p'ti. et dim. mol. tc. iiii car. mo. iii tc. val. xxx sol. mo. xlii et in h. n. comd.

By indenture made *August* 9, 1667, *William Bond* of *London,* Esq. granted and sold to *Sarah Bispham,* relict of *Samuel Bispham,* M. D. and her heirs, the manor of *Matteshale Mounteneys,* which Sir *John Pagrave* of *Northwood Burningham* in *Norfolk,* Bart. by indenture dated in the 24th of *Charles* I. sold to *Samuel Smith* of *Norwich,* Esq. and *Robert Willimot,* of *Greys Inn,* Esq. both deceased, and to the said *William Bond* for the term of 1000 years.

Owen Thornton, clerk, was lord, about 1680, and gave it to his daughter.

William Earl *Warren,* had 14 acres of land, of which a freeman was deprived, and it was valued in *Thurston.*[3]

The tenths were 8*l.* 4*s.*—Deducted 1*l.* 14*s.*

In this parish lived an ancient family *De Herleston, Margaret,* daughter of *Robert Harlestone* of this town, the wife of Dr. *Parker,* Archbishop of *Canterbury,* gave lands here in 1569, to the value of 50*s. per ann.* for the poor of this parish, and a sermon to be preached in this church, which is preached every year by a fellow of *Corpus Christi* college in *Cambridge,* on *Tuesday* in Rogation week.

This annual sermon is much frequented, and the great resort to it, occasions a sort of fair on that day, and is commonly called *Matteshale-Gant,* or *Gang,* a word anciently used for perambulating the bounds of parishes in Rogation week.

Thomas Harleston, Gent. by his will in 1558, gives his tenement, called *Sparrows,* to be an alms-house at *Mateshale,* and his house called *Coppes* to the poor of the said town, with several ewes, and money to the poor of this town, *Burgh Parva, Shipdam, Cranworth,* &c.

Mat gives name to several towns, as a rivulet; thus *Materdale* in *Cumberland, Matching* in *Essex, Matlock* in *Derbyshire.*

The Church of *Matteshale* is dedicated to *All-Saints,* and was anciently in the patronage of the *Marshalls,* Lords Marshall of *Ireland,* and valued at 28 marks, and the vicarage at 40*s. Peter*-pence 22*d.*

The rectory is appropriated to *Cajus* college in *Cambridge,* and the vicarage is valued at 7*l.* 8*s.* 3*d. ob.*

It consists of a nave, north and south isle, with a chancel covered with lead, has a four square tower at the west end of the nave embattled, in which hang 6 bells, a clock and a dial.

In the nave are gravestones,

In memory of Pleasance, wife of Robert Davy, Gent. and late of Henry Crossgrove, Gen. printer of Norwich; who died August 9, 1741, *aged* 36.

In memory of William Barker, Gent. who died Feb. 21, 1719, *aged* 74.

On a brass plate,

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[2] Reg. Hayward, Norw. p. 321.

[3] Tre' Will. de Warrenna—In Mateshala xiiii ac' terre i lib. ho'. et e. in eod. p'tio. viz. cum Turstanestuna.

Orate p. a'ia Galfridj Davy, cuj; &c. with his pourtraiture, hands conjoined and beads by his side.

In the chancel, on a plate,

Francis Crosshold, buried March 25, 1615.
In memory of Susanna Crosshold, buried May 25, 1617.
Florence, daughter of Arthur Crosshold and Mary his wife, buried May 20, 1614.
Arthur Crosshold, who died December 18, 1618.

On a gravestone with the arms of *Neal, ermin,* a lion rampant between three dexter gauntlets, *gules.*

Sarah, wife of Gibson Neal, Gent. who died July 11, 1747, *in her* 57 *year.*

Another with the said arms,

Gibson Neale, Gent. died April 17, 1747, *in his* 59, *year.*

On a stone—*argent,* fretty *sable,* on a chief of the second three plates,

In memory of Colby Chamberlain, Esq; who died May 23, 1742, *aged* 55.

Within the rails of the communion table lie several gravestones of marble;

In memoriam charissimi fratris Gul. Sigiswick, nuper vicar; hujus eccles. quondamq; Caij coll. in acad. Cantabr. socij senioris, obeuntis Sept. 26, 1675, *ætat. suæ* 61, *Robert. frater hunc lapidem posuit;* and the arms of *Segiswick;*—On a cross, five bells,—*ermin,* three chevronels, *sable, Repps,* impaling per pale, *argent* and *sable,* a chevron between three talbots, passant, counterchanged, on a chief, *gules,* three leopards heads, *or, Gooch.*

In memory of John Repps, Esq; of Reymerston, who died November 23, 1696, *ætat. suæ* 61.

The same arms in a lozenge,

For Martha Repps, relict of John Repps, of Reymerston, Esq; who died November 29, 1705.
In memory of Fountain Repps, third son of John Repps, Gent. and Dorothy his wife, who died Feb. 7, 1709.

Reppes bearing in an escotheon of pretence, *azure,* a chevron between three crosses patteè *or, Calybut.*

In memory of Lucy, daughter of Richard Calybut of Saham, Gent. wife of Franc. Repps, Gent. who died Nov. 11, 1681, *æt.* 23, *who left issue one son and two daughters.*

Quarterly, *Repps,* in the first and 4th quarter, in the 2d, quarterly, *or* and *azure,* on a bend, *gules,* three cross crosslets *or.*—In the 3d quarter, *or,* a bend between three trefoils slipped, *azure.*

In memory of John Repps who married Ann daughter of Nicholas Howlet, B.D. and had by her 8 *sons and* 4 *daughters, he died July* 20, 1672, *aged* 61

In memory of Henry Repps. son of John Repps, who died 1666.

Of Luke Repps, 8*th son of John Repps, who died* 1681.

Of Ann Repps, late wife of John Repps, Esq; who died March 29, 1681.

Against the north wall a mural monument of marble, &c.—On the summit an urn :

M. S.—Franc. Reppes, armiger, filius natu quintus Joh. Reppes, armig. et Annæ, uxor. suæ, qui duxit Luciam, filiam Ric. Calybut de Saham, in agro Norf. Gent. ex quâ suscepit filium Johan. filias Annam, et Franciscan., postea duxit Mariam filiam Joh. Leman de Brampton apud Suffolciens. Generos. quæ in dilecti conjugis moriam H. M. P.—Obdormivit in Christo vir pius, dum supplex genibus flexis Deum invocabat, 17 *Dec.* 1692 : with these arms, *Repps* impaling on the dexter side, *Calybut,* on the sinister, *Leman—azure,* a fess between three dolphins embowed, *argent.*

On a marble gravestone, by the communion rails, on the right side, *Reppes* impales *Willis,* p. fess, *argent* and *gules,* three lions rampant, counterchanged, in a bordure, *ermine.*

M. S. Venerabilis viri Nich. Reppes, S. T. P. qui xiii *cal. Apr. A°. æræ Christianæ* 1689, *ad plures obijt, et beatam hic præstolatur resurrectionem; dilecta conjux Jana D. Tho. Willis de Ditton in agro Cantabr. Baron. filia posuit.*

Near it on the chancel east wall, an achievement, *Repps* impaling *Willis,* crest a plume of ostriches feathers.

On the opposite side another achievement, *Repps,* with his quarterings as above,

Also gravestones,

For Nich. Howlet, B. D. preb. of Christ church, Norwich, rector of Reifham, vicar of Matteshall, who departed June 17, 1652, *leaving one daughter married to John Repps of West Walton, Esq.*

For Cha. Reppes, fourth son of John Reppes, Esq;

In the chapel at the end of the south isle dedicated to St. *Mary.*

Hic jacet in spe beatæ resurrectionis Gulielm. Brabant, A.M. ex agro Lancastriensi hujus ecclesiæ quondam vicarius (et honoratissimo D'no, Joh. Egerton, Comiti de Brigewater, - - - - - -) qui ob. 2°. *Feb.* 1788, *ætat. suæ* 38.

In a window of the chapel in the south isle, *azure,* an heart, *gules,* between a dexter and sinister hand, and a dexter and sinister foot, pierced, *argent,* the arms of the quinque vulnera.

In the churchyard an altar monument

In memory of Colvie Chamberlain, who died Jan. 22, 1711, *aged* 56 *years.*

RECTORS.

1311, *William Wymer* instituted, presented by *William le Marchall*, Marshal of *Ireland.*

1313, *William de Dulyngham*, by *ditto.*

1328, *Hugh Lovell* by Sir *Robert Fitzpain*, Knt. in right of the relict of *Robert* Lord *Morley.*

1329, *William de Paston. Ditto.*

1331, *John Gyan*, by *Ditto.*

1344, *William Ludford*, by Sir *Robert Fitzpain.*

1346, *Simon de Groppe. Ditto.*

1358, *Andrew de Bathele*, by Sir *William de Morle;* buried here 1391, before the high altar.

1391, Mr. *William Rokhawe*, by *Henry de Thomeston*, and *Walter Herlyng*, by a grant of *Thomas* Lord *Morley.*

1419, *John Pelle*, by lady *Anne Marshall*, widow ; rector also of *Folsham.*

In the 17th of *Richard* II. a patent was granted to appropriate this rectory to the college of the annunciation of the Virgin *Mary*, in *Cambridge*, now called *Cajus* college.

VICARS.

1321, *William de Pampesworth*, presented by *William de Dulingham*, rector.

1329, *Nicholas Hanworth*, by *Hugh Lovel*, rector.

1341, *Richard de Carleton*, by *John Gyan*, rector.

1361, *William Bate*, by *And. de Batheley*, rector.

1370, *John de Outwell*, by *ditto.*

1375, *Richard Gerard*, by *ditto.*

1395, *Adam Symond*, by the master and fellows of the college of the annunciation of the Virgin *Mary* in *Cambridge.*

1397, *John Berard. Ditto.*

1411, *And. Leverington. Ditto.*

1430, *Andrew Tayllour. Ditto.*

1436, *Thomas Robyns. Ditto.*

1441, *Thomas Lamkyn*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1466, *John Barley*, by the master and fellows, &c. afterwards master of *Caius* college.

1479, *Thomas Unketyll. Ditto.*

1500, *John Dow. Ditto.*

1517, *Nicholas Thaxton*, afterwards master of *Caius* college, and Bishop of *Salisbury.*

1517, *Robert Boteler*, buried in the chancel, 1538.

1538, *William Stertwayte. Ditto.*

1554, *Nicholas Corker*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1558, *Richard Garret. Ditto.*

In the 29th of *Elizabeth*, *Francis Hancock*[4] occurs, and in 1603.

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[4] In 1603, Fran. Hancock, A.M. returned 300 communicants to be in this parish; he was rector of Reymerston also.

1604, *Nicholas Howlet*, by the master and fellows of *Gonv.* and *Caius* college *Cambridge.*

1641, *Thomas Fitlin. Ditto.*

1650, *William Segiswycke. Ditto.*

1675, *William Brabant. Ditto.*

1689, *John Long. Ditto.*

1703, *Thomas Inyon. Ditto.*

Robert Foster Wulman, by his will in 1507, bequeaths to the making of a chapel of our Lady in the este end of the suth ele in this church 40 marks, to be buried there, and to have a grave-stone to the price of 40*s.*

Here were in this church, the gild of St. *Thomas*, St. *Mary*, St. *John* Baptist, Holy *Trinity*, and St. *Peter;* the ligths of St. *Mary*, and St. *Michael*, St. *Nicholas*, of the rood loft, and of the white torches.

In the 16th of *Richard* II. *Juliana*, wife of *Richard Bedil*, &c. aliened to the scholars of the hall of the annunciation of the Blessed Virgin, a messuage, and an acre of land here ; and in the said year, dame *Mary Pakenham*, widow of Sir ----- *Pakenham*, Knt. gave the rectory, and the patronage of the vicarage to the said hall, called *Gonvile-hall*, in *Cambridge*, for the stipend of one fellow.

In the vicarage-house were the arms of the see of *Norwich*, and of Bishop *Bateman*, of *Bohun* Earl of *Essex*, and of the Lord *Morley.*

REYMERSTON, AND CALVELEY.

REYMERSTON is but once mentioned in the Book of *Domesday*, which is under the invasions of *Hermerus de Ferrajjs*, who had seized on the possessions of 5 freemen, who had in King *Edward's* time 30 acres of land, and a carucate of meadow, valued then at 10*s.* at the survey at 7*s.*[5]

The Lords *Bardolf*, descended from *Hermerus*, were lords; and in the 38th of *Henry* III. *William* Lord *Bardolf* had a charter of free-warren in his demean lands.

In the 15th of *Richard* II. the Lord *Bardolf* held the fourth part of a fee here, in *Yaxham, Shipdam, Mateshale;* and in the 5th of *Henry* VI. *Robert Fishpool* held it of the honour of *Wirmegay*, which in the 3d of *Edward* III. was possessed by *Robert Attehaw*, and always went with that honour.

The King's manors of *Cranworth*, and *Flockthorp* extended into this town ; and *Osbert de Mundeford*, in the 18th of *Henry* III. held of the Earl *Warren's* manor of *Letton*, &c. the third part of a fee here, &c.

In 1277, it was found that the homage of the Earl performed suit of court to the Bishop's hundred court of *Mitford.*

In the 15th of *Richard* II. *Richard* Lord *Poynings* held it of the

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[5] Invasiones Hermerj de Ferrarijs—— In Raimerstuna v lib. ho'es xxx ac. tre. T. R. E. tc'. i car. mo. dim. ii ac. p'ti. tc' val. x sol. mo. vi.

Earl of *Arundel*, and *Reginald Cobham* had an interest in it, in the 9th of *Henry* VI.

Sir *Roger Woodhouse*, in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary*, conveyed to *Thomas Crane*, the manor of *Reymerston*, and *Francis Sturgeas*, Esq. was lord in the 33d of *Elizabeth*.

WENDLING ABBEY MANOR.

In the reign of *Edward* I. the abbot held the 8th part of a fee of the Earl *Warren*, and *William Wymark*, in the 14th of *Edward* III. of *Reymerston*, sued the abbot for 11 acres of land, one of meadow, 3 of meadow, with the appertenances in this town.

Their temporalities were valued at 16*s*. *per ann.*

CALVELEY MANOR.

Calveley was, in the reign of the Confessor, at the time of making the survey, a town or village, now and some centuries past destroyed, and all the lands belonging to it are included, and esteemed as parts of the township of *Reymerston*.

At the survey it was in the church of *Ely*, probably of the gift of *Ethelwolf*, Bishop of *Winchester*, in the reign of King *Edgar*, the *Saxon* King, and stands thus accounted for.

Berner held of the abbot of *Ely* the manor that St. *Audrey*, or the church of *Ely*, held in King *Edward's* time; one carucate of land, 4 villains, 11 borderers, one carucate in demean, half a carucate among the tenants, and it might be made up one, &c. 20 acres of meadow, one runcus, and one cow, &c. and 5 socmen had 20 acres, valued at 20*s*.

It was 4 furlongs long, and 4 broad, and paid 5*d*. gelt.[6]

Godric claimed this land belonging to the fee of *Ralph*, (Earl of *Norfolk*,) as holding it before he forfeited, and the hundred witnessed it.

William Longchamp Bishop of *Ely*, who was chancellor to King *Edward* I. and the Pope's legate, granted it to *Robert Russell*, his servant, and his heirs, all the land of *Calveley*, as an escheat: witnesses, Earl *Roger le Bigod*, *Jeffrey de Say*, *Robert de L'Isle*, *Richard*, archdeacon of *Ely*, *Osbert de Lacy*, *Hugh Pipard*, *Alexander Barre*, *William* and *Hugh de Longchamp*, and King *Richard* confirmed this grant as an escheat in 1194.

In the 32d of *Henry* III. *William de Calvelegh* and *Sara* his wife were impleaded by *Hugh de Burdeleys*, to stand to the fine made between *William de Burdeleys*, his brother, and *Richard Russel*, the late husband of *Sara*, of lands here, held of *William*, for 20*s*. *per ann.*

This was for 2 carucates of land possessed by *Richard*, who died without issue. *William de Calvelegh,* in the 41st of *Henry* III. held a fee in this town.

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[6] Terra S'ce. Adeldre. ——Cevalea tenet B'ner. de abb. qd. ten. S'ca. A. T. R. E. i car. t're. sep. iiii vill. xi bor. i car. in d'nio. dim. car. hom. et tota pot. fieri. silv. xx porc. xx ac. p'ti. mo. i runc. un. an. v por. v soc. xx ac. val. xx sol. ht. iiii qr. in lon. et iiii in lat. et vd. de g. hanc. t'ra. calu' pniatur Godric ad feudu' R. Comitis qd. ea. tenuit antequ'. forisfac. et hoc testatr. hund.

On *August* 29, 1259, *William de Swathing,* and *William de Calvelegh,* bound themselves on account of certain disputes, to stand to the arbitration of *Ralph de Redkar,* and he that refused to submit to it, was to pay the forfeiture, to the building of church of *Westminster,* then in building.

In the 16th of *Edward* I. *John,* son of *William de Calveley,* granted to the prioress of St. *Radegund's* in *Cambridge,* to present then to the church of *Reymerston,* with a *salvo jure suo;* and in the said year, *William,* son of *John de Mareschall,* claimed free warren, and a grant of a fair, in his manor here, every year, for five days, on the vigil, day and morrow of St. *Margaret,* and the two following days.

This must be on account of his lordship of *Hingham,* which he obtained of the King, in the preceding year.

Ela, widow of *John de Calveley,* granted a messuage and lands here for life, to *William,* son of *Philip de Gurney,* and *Ellen* his wife in the 3d year of *Edward* II. and *Geffrey de Burdeleys* conveyed to *Oliver,* son of *John de Calveley,* lands.

In the 35th of *Edward* III. *John de Calveley,* was found to have held this lordship, and *Amicia* or *Alianore,* wife of *John Coroner,* aged 30, was his sister and heir. *Eschaet Rolls.*

In the 43d of that King, *Andrew Coroner* held a moiety of this manor of the see of *Ely.*

In the 49th of that King, *John* (or *Edward*) *Le Dispencer,* son of *Ela,* sister and coheir of *John Calverley,* held a moiety with lands in *Hardingham,* and the manor of *Northall* in *Wretham* in *Suffolk,*

A moiety of it is said to be conveyed to *John Coroner,* and *Alianore* his wife, in the 3d. of *Richard* II. to *John Rothwell;* and in the said year, *Thomas,* rector of *Hardingham,* and his cofeoffees, were lords of this manor and *Remerston.*

Edmund Swathing, Esq. in the 3d of *Henry* IV. held the lordship of *Calveley* by one fee, of the Bishop of *Ely,* and in the 9th of *Henry* VI.

William Paston, Esq. of *Paston,* released to *Robert Wetheringset,* archdeacon of *Ely,* and *Oliver Groos,* Esq. all his right herein.

Francis Sturges, Esq. lord in the 33d of *Elizabeth,* and *Thomas* was his son and heir.

In the 4th of *James* I. Sir *George Coppin,* Knt. possessed it, and sold it soon after to *Thomas Bateman,* Esq. *Anthony* his son was found to die seized of the site of *Calveley* manor, on *January* 4, *ao.* 22 of *James* I. and left it to his daughter and coheir, *Philadelphia.*[7]

After this it came by *Tayler,* to *Robert Rugg,* Gent. his son, *Thomas Rugg,* conveyed to *Robert Clayton,* Esq. (afterwards Sir *Robert*) a moiety of the manor of *Reymerston,* alias *Calveley Hall* or *Yards,* with the appertenances, one garden, one orchard, 60 acres of land, 10 of meadow, 30 of pasture, and 40 of wood, in 1660, with 10 of heath.

Mr. *Salter* of *London* is the present lord.

The tenths were 3*l.* 16*s.* Deducted 16*s.*

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[7] See in Hardingham.

The Church of *Reymerston* is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Peter*. The ancient valor was 18 marks. *Peter*-pence, 3*s*. 4*d*. the present valor 11*l*. 12*s*. 6*d*.

John de Reymerston conveyed by fine, in the 2d of *Henry* III. to *Lettice*, prioress of St. *Radegund's* in *Cambridge*, the advowson of this church.

RECTORS.

Hugh de Cressingham occurs rector 22 *Edw*. I.
1325, *John de Dicton*, alias *Trippelow*, instituted rector, presented by the prioress.
1339, *John de Staunton. Ditto.*
1349, *Nicholas Lange. Ditto.*
1358, *John de Glanvyle. Ditto.*
1361, *John Calstyn. Ditto.*
1366, *John de Herleston. Ditto.*
1376, *Regd. Sedewell. Ditto.*
1400, *Edmund Cobbing*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1401, Mr. *Robert Braunch*, LL. *Lic*. by the prioress, &c.
1403, *John Toly*, by *Edmund Swathing*.

In the 6th of *Henry* IV. a *quare impedit* was brought by *Robert Fulborne*, of *Letton*, against *Edmund Swathing*, &c. for the right of presentation, to this church; and before this, in 1422, *Robert Folsham* rector, resigned, and a *quare impedit* was then brought by *Edmund Swathing*, Esq. against *John Manning*, &c. who had presented *Folsham*, who said that the right belonged to an acre of land in their possession.

In 1603, *Robert Hancock*, rector, returned 120 communicants to be here, and that *Francis Sturges*, Esq. deceased, was the late patron.

1603, *Henry Scot*.
Mr. *John Smith*, rector, about 1662.
1728, *Thomas Dalton*, on *Nathaniel Ganning's* death.
1742, *Robert Hudson*, by *Francis Long*, Esq.
1761, *John Long*, presented by *Francis Long*, Esq.

The church has a nave, a north and south isle, with a chancel, and 5 bells.

On a gravestone with a brass, in the south isle,

Orate p. a'i'a. Robti. Tychepole, qui obt. Jan. 10, 1509.

In the chancel, a mural curious marble monument,

M.S. Induviæ Robi. Longe, Armigeri, hic juxta repositæ, quater maritus, ter quater pater, utroq; nomine felicissimus, qui pro votis uxorem accepit, ac filios debitum innatæ largitati patrimonium accepit. Dei benedictione suisq; studiis honeste et modice ditescens, sibi benefecit et caute vixit. Plura tantum appetens, quo plura daret, id unum habere reputans, quod effudasset. Vir negotijs solers, vitæ integer, pietate sanctus, cujus vitam si speculeris, ac mortem, dubites, an potuit vivere sanctius, an obire securius. Laboris et senij - - - - - dilerantis mundi pertæsus, somno profundo placide consignatus est morti, et in *spem lætam resurrectionis paulo minor septuagenio occubuit. Ao. æræ Christianæ* 1688.—*Sumptibus Franc. Longe filii natu minoris.*

In a north window are the arms of Lord *Bardolf;* and in the east window of the north isle, those of *Swathing;* in a south window *gules,* three covered cups, *Argenton.*

Here were the guilds of St. *Peter,* and St. *Mary;* the lights of St. *Mary,* St. *Nicholas,* and *All-Saints.*

Ralph, son of *Edric de Mundeford,* gave to the monks of *Castleacre,* all his lands, with the appertenances in *Reymerston, sans* date; witnesses, *Maurice de Barsham, Ralph de Pinkeny, Hugh de Oteringhithe, Joceline de Hagebeche.*

Reg. Castleacr. fol. 59.

SHIPDAM AND THORP.

In the book of *Domesday* we find no account of *Shipdam* being a lordship, or possessed by the church of *Ely,* but that *Thorp,* a town of considerable value at that time, though now (as I take it) included in *Shipdam,* was one of the lordships of that monastery, in the *Saxon* age, given to it, with that of *East Derham,* by *Ethelwold* Bishop of *Winchester,* in the reign of King *Edgar,* and extended into *Shipdam.*

King *Edward* the Confessor, in his charter of confirmation of the lordships, &c. belonging to the abbey of *Ely,* mentions this town of *Thorp;* and when *Leoffin,* the 5th abbot, assigned certain towns and lordships in the time of King *Canute,* for the annual support of it, *Derham (East)* and *Thorp* are named together, and were to find provisions for 2 weeks.

At the survey, St. *Atheldreda,* that is the church of *Ely,* had 3 carucates of land, with 10 villains, 20 borderers, and 4 servi, and one carucate then in demean, &c. 7 carucates and a half among the tenants, paunage for 800 swine, &c. 8 acres of meadow, a mill, 2 runci, 11 cows, &c. 97 sheep, and 38 goats, 12 socmen had 40 acres, and 5 carucates and 12 acres of meadow, &c. then valued at 60*s.* at the survey the whole was valued at 11*l.* was one leuca long and one broad, paid 15*d.* gelt.

In *Thorp, Thurston,* and *Sachesham* in this hundred, 5 socmen of St. *Atheldreda* had 50 acres, and a carucate valued at 8*s.*[8]

On he foundation of the see of *Ely,* this lordship was assigned to

[8] Terra S'ce. Adeldrede——Torp tenet sep. S. A. iii car. terre. sep. x vill. xx bor. mo. iiii ser. tc. i car. in d'nio. mo. ii sep. vii et dim. ho'm. tc. silv. DCCC. por. mo. DC. viii ac. p'ti. sep. i mol. ii runc. xi an. xxvii por. lxxxx vii ovs. xxxviii cap. et xii soc. xl ac. sep. v car. xii ac. p'ti silv. xii porc. tc. val. lx sol. mo. xi lib. et ht. i leu. in long. et i leu. in lato. et xvd. de g.

In Torp et in Turstuna, et in Sachesha' v soc. S'ce. Adeldrede l ac. sep. i car. val. viii.

the Bishop, and made part of his barony; and in the 29th of *Henry* III. the Bishop had a mercate and fair granted to him.[9]

In 1277, it was found that he enjoyed the privileges as mentioned in *East-Derham; Alexander Atte Rode, Robert Atte Buk,* and their parceners, *Roger Verley, Symon Prudham,* and their parceners, the homage of ——— *de Frevile,* and that of ——— *de Caleston,* did suit to his hundred court, for tenements and lands here: he was patron of the church of *Shipdam.*

The demean lands were 236 acres of land, and a half, by the less hundred, the perch being at 16 feet and an half, and to be ploughed by 2 ploughs of four oxen, and 2 scots each, with 2 horses for harrow; every acre valued at 12*d.* per acre, *per ann.* the commons of *Westmore, Lyngmore, Northwode, Wykesmethe,* are bounded and they who intercommon are mentioned.

Old Park, called *Little-Haw,* and the *New Park, West Haw,* the woods of *Suthaw, Karshaw, Blakmere-Haw,* contained 70 acres, in which the towns of *Letton* and *Reymerston* had liberty of common for their beasts, with the Bishop's, horn under horn, but the Bishop alone had power to dig, as lord of the soil.

He had also 2 windmills belonging to this manor and the suit belonging to them, with free warren in the whole manor.

William de Calveley and *Sarah* his wife, held in *Calveley* 2 carucates of land, by one knight's fee.

Sir *William Bardolf* a tenement at *Whinburgh.* Other free tenants are mentioned with their rents, services, reliefs, customs, &c. in the register of *Ely.*

In the 34th of *Henry* VI. this lordship was found to be worth 44*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* *per ann.* and in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary,* at 45*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.* as by the accounts of the Bishop's register general.

Soon after this, it came to the Crown, and was granted by act of parliament, in the first year of Queen *Elizabeth,* and confirmed most probably, by the chapter 19, in the acts, of the said year, which was before the deprivation of Bishop *Thurleby.*

No printed author (that I have seen) mentions this: and on *August* 9, in her 3d year, Sir *William Wodehouse,* Knt. of *Hickling,* in *Norfolk,* and the Lady *Elizabeth* his wife, had a grant of this manor, (late the Bishop of *Ely,)* with the park, and the advowson of the church, paying a fee farm rent of 21*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.* *per ann.* with a close, called the *Lord's Close;* and on *May* 9, ao. 26, Sir *Thomas Wodehouse,* had a new grant of it, with the deer in the park, all the woods and underwoods, and about 1585, conveyed it to Sir *Thomas Gawdy* of *Claxton,* a judge of the Common Pleas, who died seized of it, *November* 1, in the 30th year of that reign, leaving *Henry* his son and heir, aged 16.

Robert Gawdy his son, passed it to *William Castleton,* Esq. created a Bart. on *August* 9, 1641, and Sir *John* his son, presented in 1673; and *Edmund Castleton* sold it to *Charles* Lord Viscount *Townsend,* about 1704, and in that family it continues.

William Earl *Warren* had a considerable lordship in *Shipdam,* of which eleven freemen were deprived on the conquest, containing one carucate, held by 3 borderers, with 10 acres of meadow, &c. also 5 carucates, &c. then valued at 30*s.* at the survey at 40*s.* and the moiety of a church endowed with 8 acres: it was one leuca long and 5 furlongs broad, and paid 15*d.* gelt.

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[9] Reg. Ely in Cotton. Biblioth. p. 233, &c.

And under the title of invasions, we find that his men, (those who held lands under him,) had invaded or seized on 44 acres, in *Shipdam* which *Brodo* and *Alwin* held under King *Edward*, and half a carucate held by a borderer, &c. with 4 acres of meadow, valued at 8*s.* and 1*d. ob.*

This was always part of the King's manor of *Saham*, and no livery was made of it, as the hundred witnessed.

The ancient family of *Caston*, was early enfeoffed of this, and held it of the Earl *Warren*.

William de Catestune (or *Caston*) and *Ela* his wife, possessed it in 1200; Sir *John de Caston* settled it about 1292, on *William* his son; and in the 5th of *Edward* III. Sir *John de Caston* and *Catherine* his wife, granted it for their lives, to *Symon de Hedersete*, and *Thomas* his son.

After this, by *Elizabeth*, a daughter and coheir of Sir *John Caston*, it came to Sir *Robert Carbonel*, son of Sir *William Carbonel*, of *Bodingham* in *Suffolk*; *Thomas* his son, was lord in 1402: and Sir *John* died lord, as appears by his will, in 1425, leaving *Thomas* his son, a minor, who dying in his minority, it descended to the *Berneys*.

Margaret, daughter of Sir *Robert Caston*, married *Will. de Reedham*, of *Reedham in Norfolk*, and *Margaret*, daughter and heir of this *William*, having married *Thomas Berney*, Esq. 2d son of *John Berney*, Esq. of *Wichingham*, was lord of *Reedham*, &c. in her right, in the reign of *Richard* II.

John Berney, Esq. son and heir of *Thomas* aforesaid, died lord of this manor in 1400, as appears by his will, proved *September* 5, and thereby gives it to his 2d son, *Philip*, with the manor of *Caston*, who dying *s.p.* in 1453, bequeathed them to his younger brother, *John*, but soon after they came to the family of the *Reedhams*.

By an inquisition, taken *November* 7, in the 20th of *Henry* VIII. *John Berney*, Esq. was found to die seized of it *October* 27, *ao.* 19th of that King, held (as was found) of the manor of *Saham*, in *Norfolk*, by fealty, and 3*s.* rent *per ann.* and *John* was his son and heir, aged 18.

Richard Berney, Esq. died lord in 1695; he mortgaged it, and in 1709, was sold by a decree in Chancery, to pay his debts.

Thomas de Snetterton had an interest here; and in the 7th of *Edward* II. conveyed a messuage, 190 acres of land, with rents and services, to *Symon Brake*, of *Brandeston*, and *Catherine* his wife, as did *John de Mershe*, of *South Wootton*, senior, and *Margaret* his wife, lands, in the 8th of *Edward* III. to *Ralph de Shipdam*.

Humphrey de Skypdam, son of *Ralph* and *Catherine*, and their tenants, were found in the 20th of that King, to hold the 10th part of a fee of the Earl *Warren*, late *Ralph's* and *Symon Brake's*.

In the 4th of *Henry* IV. Sir *Robert Knolls* held the same of the Earl of *Arundel*; and *John Skeet*, chaplain, half a fee here and in *Letton*, of the said Earl.

Hermerus de Ferrarijs's lordship of *Whinbergh*, and *Gerveston*, extended into this town: he had also one socman here, with 16 acres of land valued at 4*s.* held by *Adelm*.

Hermerus's interest came to the Lords *Bardolf* of *Wirmegay*, and went with that barony.

William Atte Rode of *Shipdam*, held in the 3d of *Edward* III. the 4th part of a fee in this town, *Letton*, and *Yaxham*, &c. of the honour of *Wirmegay*. *Robert Attehow* possessed it in the 20th of that King; and in the said reign, *John de Thetford*, &c. held lands called *Rode-Fee*, with a wind-mill, rents and services, of the Lord *Bardolf*; and *Robert Reed* possessed it in the 3d of *Henry* IV.

The Conqueror, at the survey, had here and in *Cranworth*, 30 acres, held by a socman, in *Stowe*, and 8 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 2*s*. *Robert Bund* held them of the King, but *Godric* never.

This was soon after granted by the Earl *Warren*, and so was joined to the lordship abovementioned of *Caston*, &c.

A mercate weekly on *Thursday*, and a fair for 3 days on St. *Peter* and St. *Paul's* day, was granted in the 29th of *Henry* III. to *Hugh de Northwold* Bishop of *Ely*, who built a great hall in his palace here.

In 1639, on an inquisition for charitable uses, it was found that the moiety of a manor called *Bennet's*, with messuages, lands, &c. on the south-west part of the church, belonged to the township, worth 18*l*. *per ann.* and that out of it, bread and wine had been found for the communion, and the church repaired.

William Hattersley, rector, by will, in 1608, gave 20*l*. to be put out at interest for the poor; and *Alice* his widow, by will, in 1614, 20*l*. to the same use, and *John Bullock*, 10*l*. in 1617.

John Tudenham, clerk, gave by will, in 1613, a tenement called *Sparks*, and half a rood of land, for the dwelling of 4 poor people.

William Mowting of *East Derham*, by will, 1561, for the relief of the blind and lame, &c. 14*l*. *per ann.* in lands; all which gifts had been sadly abused, &c. and then rectified.

The town seems to take its name from some stream, &c. of water called *Scip*, or *Shep*. In *Kent* we find a lathe or hundred, and an island, called *Shepey*; thus *Shepeshead* in *Leicestershire*, *Shipley* in *Derbyshire*, &c.

The tenths were 10*l*. Deducted 13*s*. 4*d*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and was in the patronage of the Bishop of *Ely*. It appears that the rector, in the reign of *Edward* I. had a manse, with 60 acres of glebe, and that there had been formerly a vicar belonging to it, but at that time there was only a rector; the valor was 40 marks; *Peter*-pence 2*s*. 10*d*. The monks of *Castleacre* had a portion of tithe valued at 5*s*. *per ann.* given them by *John de Kateston*, viz. two parts of the tithes of his lordship in this town, and *Rockland*, which *Simon* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to them in 1265.

The present valor is 26*l*. 7*s*. 5*d*. *ob*. and pays first fruits and tenths.

RECTORS.

1301, Mr. *Simon de Walpole*, collated to this rectory, by the Bishop of *Ely*.

1337, *John de Macclesfield*, presented by the King, in the vacancy of the see.

1342, Mr. *Paul de Montefloro*, by the Bishop.

1342, Mr. *William Flamerans*, by the Bishop; he was prebendary of *Hastings*, in the diocese of *Chichester*.

Mr. *Thomas de Morle* occurs rector in 1357.

1358, *William de Tyryngtone*, by the King, his chaplain, and prebend of St. *Paul's*: the temporalities of the see of *Ely* being then in the King's hands.

1361, *William de Tyryngton*, was again presented by the King.

1389, *John de Crowton*, by the Bishop of *Ely*.

1395, *William Smithe*, by *ditto*.

1406, Mr. *John Wysebech*.

1429, *John Moresburgh*. *Ditto*.

1436, Mr. *John Walpool*, by the King, the temporalities being in him.

1438, Mr. *William Irforth*, A.M. presented by the vicar-general of the Bishop of *Ely*.

1469, *William Townsend*, by the Bishop of *Ely*,
Thomas Collins occurs in 1477.

Mr. *Tho. Alcock*, was rector, brother to Dr. *Alcock* Bishop of *Ely*, master of *Jesus College* in *Cambridge*, archdeacon of *Ely*, and chancellor to that Bishop: he resigned this rectory in 1516, (as some say,) but rather a relation or nephew to Bishop *Alcock*, and not brother, &c.; he died in 1523, and was here buried.

1523, Mr. *Walter Burnell*, by the Bishop of *Ely*.

1557, Mr. *John Parker*, S.T.B. prebend of *Ely*. *Ditto*.

15--, *Bickerdike*.

1561, Mr. *Stephen Pherne*, S.T.B. by the Queen.

1562, *William Parker*, by Sir *William Woodhouse*.

1572, *William Hattersley*, by Sir *Drue Druery*, and *Elizabeth* his wife.

1608, *Thomas Playfere*, S.T.B. by Sir *Henry Gaudy*.

1608, *Henry Siday*, A.M. *Ditto*.

1614, *Thomas Wyth*, A.M. *Ditto*.

1661, *William Castleton*, by Sir *John Castleton*, Bart.

1667, *Matthew Eaton*. *Ditto*.

1673, *Astius Ives*. *Ditto*.

1695, *Edmund Castleton*. *Ditto*.

1696, *John Heron*. *Ditto*.

1707, *Thomas Townsend*, by *Charles* Lord Viscount *Townsend*.

1754, *Colby Bullock*, on *Townsend's* resignation, by *Charles* Lord Viscount *Townsend*.

The church is a good pile, with a very broad nave and chancel, and a north isle that runs the whole length of the nave and chancel, all covered with lead; at the west end of the nave is a strong four square tower, embattled, with 5 bells, a dial, and clock.

On the tower, an handsome lantern or turret, covered with lead: between the nave and chancel hangs the saints bell.

In the chancel lie several gravestones for the *Bullocks*: on them this shield, *gules*, a chevron, between three bulls heads, caboshed, attired, *or*, *Bullock*, impaling, on a bend, between two lions rampant, three roundels, *Fluellin*,

In memory of Mary, wife of Thomas Bullock, gent. eldest daughter of William Fluellin, Esq; alderman of London, who died October 29, 1683, *and left one daughter, Diana, and 3 sons, Thomas, William, and Robert, now living, who enjoying a plentifnl estate, by the death of Sir Thomas Colby, of Kensington, baronet, son of Elizabeth, 2d daughter of Alderman Fluellin, have placed this inscription in gratitude to God and her memory, May* 12, 1730.

Another with the arms of *Bullock*,

In memory of Thomas Bullock, gent. who died Feb. 21, 1736, *aged* 63.

One with the arms of *Lane, Or,* a chevron between three mullets, pierced, *gules*, impaling *Bullock*,

In memory of John Lane, gent. who died December 2, 1732, *aged* 55,

In memory of Diana, wife of William Clemence, of ———, and daughter of Thomas Bullock, late of Shipdam, gent. who died May 12, 1739, *aged* 69.

Or, on a fess, between two and two de-lis, *gules*, as many of the first, *Devall;*

In memory of Thomas Devall the elder, who died April 9, 1677.

On a brass plate,

Pray for the soul of Mr. Thomas Alkoke, sometime parson of this church, who dyed September 19, *A.D.* 1523, *on whose soule, &c.*

In the north isle, a gravestone, with the arms of *Bullock*,

In memory of Robert Bullock, late of Hingham in Norfolk, gent. who died August 20, 1729. *in the* 60*th year of his age.*

Adjoining, another for

Robert Bullock, late of Hingham, gent. son of Robert, who died November 2, 1715. *in his* 31*st year.*

In the churchyard, at the west part, by the tower, is an altar monument,

In memory of William Bullock, late of Shipdam, who died January 13, 1673, *aged* 70.

In 1603, *William Hattersley* returned in answer to the King's queries, that there were 480 communicants.

I find the chapel of St. *Mary*, and that of St. *Thomas*, mentioned in this church, 1503, with the image of our Lady of Pity; and land bequeathed to the light of our Lady.

Probably this was the chapel in the north isle, in which there were in the east window, formerly these arms; *Or*, a maunch, *gules*, the Lord *Tony*, impaled with *argent*, on a fess *gules*, three bezants, between three torteaux; *gules*, a lion rampant, in a bordure, *argent*, *Grey* Bishop of *Ely;* quarterly, *gules*, and *ermine*, in the first and 4th, a goat's head, erased, *argent*, attired, *or; Morton* Bishop of *Ely*; *argent* three choughs proper.

Here was also the tabernacle of St. *Michael*, the guilds of the Holy Ghost, St. *John* Baptist, St. *Thomas*, St. *Andrew*, Assumption of St. *Mary*, *All-Saints*, and St. *Etheldreda*; the lights of St. *James*, St. *Nicholas*, St. *John* Baptist, St. *Thomas*, &c.

In 1487, *John Alcock* Bishop of *Ely* granted 40 days indulgence to all who would contribute to the repair of the chapel of St. *Thomas* of *Canterbury*, situate in a certain hermitage, within this parish, and of the ways that lay about it.

In 1512, there was a suit between the rector of *Saham Tony*, and the rector of *Shipdam*, on account of tithe milk, and the agistment of cattle, feeding on the common of *Shipdam*.

I find a certain common pasture called *Westmore*, belonging to the lordship of *Shipdam*, beginning at the church of *Shipdam*, and leading and continuing to the meres or bounds between the liberties of St. *Etheldreda*, (that is the see of *Ely*,) and the hundred of *Wayland*, which belonged to the heirs of *Ralph Thony*; and this I suppose was the common.

John de Kateston, by deed, confirmed to the monks of *Castleacre*, the grant of his father, the 3d parts of the tithes of his demeans here.[1]

William de Warren, son of *Reginald*, gave them a mark rent *per ann.* out of a tenement which *John de Kateston*, held of him in *Sepedeham*, for an anniversary for *Reginald* his father, and *Alice* his mother, and after his decease for himself; witnesses, *Reginald de St. Martin*, *Robert de Capravill*, *Osbert de Stradesete*, *Richard Curpeil*, &c.

Osbert de Denever confirmed to the said monks, 2 garbs of his demeans in *Lipling*, which his grandfather gave them, also the land called *Osbeneshach*, in *Sipedeham*, which his grandfather gave in exchange for the said tithes; witnesses, *Geffrey*, dean of *Fincham*, *William Talebot*, his brother, &c.

The temporalities of *Castleacre* priory were 18*s.* 4*d. per ann. ao.* 1428; of *Hulm* abbey, 17*s.* 3*d.*; of *Wendling*, 2*s.* 6*d.*; of *Colchester*, 8*s.*: of *Lewes* priory 6*s.* and of *Beeston* 11*d.*

SOUTH-BURGH.

WILLIAM EARL WARREN had a grant of the lands of 7 freemen, of whom 3 borderers held half a carucate of land, and 5 acres of meadow, 2 mills, &c. and there were then also 2 carucates, a church endowed with 12 acres, the whole valued at 20*s. per ann.* It was 6 furlongs long, and 5 broad, and paid 15*d.* gelt.[2]

In the 9th of King *John*, *Thomas de Benefeld* was lord of this manor, held of the Earl *Warren*, and conveyed to *Walter de Bergh* the advowson of the church of St. *Andrew* of *South-Berk*.

Walter de Berk, in the 12th of *Henry* III. granted by fine to *William* his son, the said advowson with 2 carucates of land in *Berk*, and in *Rising*; but *Walter* was to enjoy it for life; so that it appears, the *Berks* held it under *Benefeld*; and in the 53d of that King, *Henry de Berk* gave lands in *Berk Magna*, (as it was sometimes called, and also

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[1] Reg. Castleac. fol. 99.

[2] T're. Willi. de Warrenna.——In Berch vii libi. ho'es. p. dim. car. t're. et iii bord. et v ac. p'ti. tc. ii molin modo iii tc. silva viii porc. modo iiii tc. et p. ii car. mo. i car. et dim. i ecclia xii ac. et val. xx sol.——Berc. ht. vi qr. in longo et v in lato et xv den. de gelto.

Berk by *Hingham,)* to distinguish it from *Bergh* by *Mateshale,* (both of them lying in *Mitford* hundred) to *Geffrey* son of *Walter de Hingham.*

The jury find in the 9th of *Edward* I. on a pleading, that a tenement with 40 acres of land, 10 of meadow, 3 of wood, and a mill here, was not partable land, being purchased by *Walter,* grandfather of *Robert de South-Berk,* and *Richard* his brother, sons of *William de South-Berk,* and held of *John de Benfeld,* by the fifth part of a fee.

In the 13th of that King, *Richard de Suthberg* granted to *Ela,* or *Alice de Calveley,* wife of *John,* a messuage, with lands here, and in *Wood-Rising.* This seems to have been the lordship, *John de Calveley* her husband presenting to the church in 1329, and she was daughter of *Richard de Suth-Berk.*

In the 17th of *Edward* II. *Thomas de Burgh* conveyed lands in this town and in *Wood-Rising,* to *Edmund de Breccles,* rector of *Elingham,* in trust, as I take it; and in the 20th of *Edward* III. the tenants of the lands, late *John de Benefeld's,* were found to hold the 6th part of a fee of the Earl *Warren.*

In the 26th of that King, *Richard de Wyrham* conveyed to *William* son of *John de Calveley,* this lordship and advowson.

This *William* died soon after, *sans* issue; for in the 35th of *Edward* III. *Amicia* or *Alianore,* married to *John Coroner,* was found to be sister and coheir of *John de Calveley,* father of *William.*[3]

John Atte Thorn presented to the church in the said year, probably in right of his wife, another of the sisters and coheirs.

John Botild presented in 1375, and in 1389, whose right came probably by *Coroner,* as may be seen in *Reymerston* and *Calveley.*

In 1439, *Thomas Crofts* of *Westal,* senior, Esq. and *Thomas Crofts,* Esq. of *Norfolk,* in 1463; *Thomas Gray,* Esq. as lord in 1550, who was lord also in 1556; but before this, in the 17th of *Henry* VII. *Thomas Caus* passed by fine this lordship of *Botyld's,* with lands in this town, *Hardingham* and *Henghum,* and the advowson, to *Francis Calybut, Humphrey Adam,* and *William Deane.*

In 1561, *John Aldham,* Gent. was lord in right of his wife, ———. On *September* 17, in the 11th of *Elizabeth,* he sold to *Thomas Thwayts,* of *Hardingham,* Esq. a moiety of the manor of *Botild's,* and a moiety of the advowson, and after, the other moiety of both; which manor was possessed by *Francis Cushion,* of *Hingham,* who left 4 daughters and coheirs; ———, married to *John Aldham,* of *Thympling,* Gent.; ———, to *John Thurston* of *Hoxne; Jane,* to *Thomas Carsey,* of *Southbergh;* and *Ellen,* to *Henry Wyat,* of *Deepham* in *Norfolk.*

Thomas Thwayts conveyed it, in the 23d of *Elizabeth, July* 15, to *Francis Sturges,* Esq. son of *Francis,* who presented in 1587; he died seized of it, and left it to *Thomas* his son, a minor.

Thornhagh Gurdon, Esq. lord and patron in 1714; and in the *Gurdons* it remains.

The manor of *Calveley* in *Remerston,* extended into this. In the 8th of King *John, William Coke* had an interest herein, and conveyed lands held by knight's service, to *William,* son of *Geleran*

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[3] In the 30th of Edward III. William son of John de Calveley, is said to have conveyed to William de Burgh, clerk, this advowson, (in trust, most likely,) with one acre of land.

In 1277, *William de Calveley* and *Sarah* his wife, held it; and in the 20th of that King, an assise was brought before *William de Giselham*, and *Hugh de Cressingham*, the King's justices, to know whether *John de Calveley*, and *Nicholas* his brother, *William de Calveley*, *William de Boyton*, and *Edmund de Swathing*, had disseised *Catherine*, widow of *William de Swathing*, of an alder kar here and in *Letton*, containing 160 acres; and the jury find that *William de Calveley*, and *Sarah*, his wife, father, &c. of *John de Calveley*, and *Edmund de Swathing*, held it in common, and after divided it between them and deprived her of it.

The tenths were 46*s*. Deducted 6*s*.

In *Bergh*, *Hermerus de Ferrariis* had seized on 2 acres of land, belonging to a freeman, and valued at 6*d*.[4]

This was part of *Wace's* manor in *Thuxton*, *Mateshale*, &c.

The Church is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Andrew*; the ancient valor was 12 marks; *Peter*-pence 2*s*. 6*d*. *Richard de Bergh*, was patron about the 9th of *Edward* I. The present valor is 5*l*. 13*s*. 6*d*. *ob*.

RECTORS.

John occurs rector in the 14th of *Edward* I.

1329, *Thomas de Welburn* instituted, presented by *John de Calvele*.

1333, *Walter de Tyvetshale*, by *ditto*.

1361, *John Atte Thorn*, by *William de Bergh*, clerk.

1375, *Guy de Crokedehok*, by *John Botild*.

1389, *John Rothwell*, by *ditto*.

John Paveley, rector.

1439, *Richard Ewyas*, by *Thomas Croftes*.

1442, *Edmund Elys*, by *Thomas Croftes*, Esq.

1453, *Thomas Wykks*. *Ditto*.

1463, *Henry Tavell*. *Ditto*.

John Winter, rector.

1550, *Thomas Burlie*, by *John Gray*, Esq.

1556, *James Proctor*, by the assigns of *John Gray*.

1556, *Simon Anderson*. *Ditto*.

1561, *John Powlet* by the assigns of *John Aldham*, Gent.

1587, *Edward Brown*, by *Francis Sturges*, Esq. in 1603, he returned 96 communicants, and that *Thomas Forth*, yeoman, was then patron.

About 1660, *John Smith*, occurs rector.

1714, *Nathaniel Salter*, on the death of *Benjamin Resbury* by *Thomas Gurdon*, Esq.

1750, *Parker Gurdon*, on *Salter's* death, by *Thomas Gurdon*, Esq.

1762, *Robert Partrich*.

Here were the guilds of *All-Saints*, and of the Holy Ghost; St. *Andrew's* image, St. *Mary's* light, and that of the Sepulchre.

The temporalities of *Westacre* priory in meadows, 3*s*.

Thomas Carsey of this town, son of *Robert*, of *Dickleburgh*, had these arms confirmed to him by *William Harvey*, in 1563, *gules*, a bend engrailed, *argent*, between six bezants.

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[4] Invas. Hermeri de Ferrarijs——In B'c. dim. lib. ho. comd. tantu' ii ac. val. 6d.

THURSTON, OR THUXTON.

William Earl Warren had the lordship, of which 10 freemen were deprived, who held half a carucate of land, 2 borderers, and 5 acres of meadow, and 2 carucates, valued at the survey at 20*s.* before at 10*s.*; the said Earl possessed also 9 acres, of which a freeman was deprived, valued at 2*s.* *per ann.;* the King had a lordship, which *Godric* took care of, as his steward, or bailiff, 4 socmen in *Thurston,* and 4 in *Thurstanestuna,* held lands belonging to the manor of *Swathing,* under which they stand valued and accounted, as may be seen in *Cranworth* and *Swathing.*[5]

It is to be observed that *Thurston* and *Turstaneston,* appear by this account to be two distinct places: *Turstaneston* was probably an hamlet to *Turston.* These manors of the Earl and of the King, were afterwards united, and so I shall treat of them together.

The family of *De Thurston* were early enfeoffed of the Earl *Warren's* manor. *William,* son of *Robert de Thurston,* conveyed to *John,* son of *William de Thurston,* in the 53d of *Henry* III. 2 messuages, 55 acres of land, 5 of meadow, 2 of pasture, and 18*s.* 6*d.* rent in this town, *Reymerston,* &c.[6] with all the wards, reliefs, escheats, homages, services of freemen, and villains; *John* granting to *William,* a messuage, and several lands,

Of this family was *Eborard de Tuxton,* who was living here in the reign of *Richard* I.

In the 4th of *Edward* II. *Nicholas,* son of *Jeffrey de Stratton,* conveyed by fine, to *Gregory de Thurston,* lands here; and in the said year, lands were granted to *Robert de Thurston,* in this town and *Rundall;* and in the 6th of that King, *John de Gurney* passed by fine, to *Richard de Thurston* and *Ada* his wife, 6 messuages, 115 acres of land, &c. with 15*s.* rent in this town, *Runhale,* &c.

The *Gurneys* were early enfeoffed of the manor that *Godric* held, as may be seen in *Swathing;* and the *Thurstons* held it of them.

John and *Richard de Thurston,* were lords in the 9th of the said King, and the patronage belonged to it.

In 1381, *Edmund Gurney* presented to this church; in 1384, *John Gurney:* in 1387, *William,* son of *Richard de Thurston,* was lord; and in the year 1472, *John Ovy* of *Worstead,* was lord of the manor of *Thuxton,* and gave it by will, (proved in the said year,) to *Thomas* his son, who died in the following year, and ordered it to be sold, to pay his debts;[7] and in 1500, *William Gurney* presented to the church.

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[5] T're. Willi. de Warenna—In Turstanestuna x libi. ho'es. p. dim. car. T.R.E. semp. ii bord. et v ac. p'ti. semp. ii car. tnc. val. x sol. modo. xx et ix ac. i lib. ho. et val. ii sol.

[6] T're. Regis qua' Godric servat-—In Suatinge, &c. huic maner. jacent in Tustuna iiii soc. et in Turstanestuna iiii. &c.

[7] Reg. Gelour, Norw.

In 1503, Sir *Thomas Wodehouse* of *Kimberley* was lord, and *Wace's* manor paid to him 6*d*. *per ann.*

Henry Palgrave, by his will, dated *September* 11, 1513, and proved *January* 14, 1517, appoints his manors and *North Berningham,* to remain in the hands of Sir *Robert Brandon, William Paston,* Esq. *Ann* his wife, and *John* his son.

Robert Newport, Esq. and *Margaret* his wife, conveyed in the 37th of *Henry* VIII. to Sir *John Clere,* the 3d part of this manor, with lands and messuages, in the *Tudenhams;* and *Thomas Astley* and *Mary* his wife, convey, in the 3d of *Edward* VI. a third part to *Robert Richer.*

In the 44th of *Elizabeth, William Thursbye,* Gent. had a *præcipe* to render the manor of *Thuxton* to *Froximer Cocket,* Gent.

Hermerus de Ferraris had invaded or seized on the property of 7 freemen, who had 100 acres of land, and 4 carucates, and 5 acres of meadow, in the time of King *Edward,* valued then at 20*s*. but now at 26*s*. 8*d*.[8]

This came to the Lords *Bardolf,* and was part of their barony of *Wirmegey;* in the 9th of *Edward* II. *Thomas* Lord *Bardolf* held it *in capite;* and in the 20th of *Edward* III. *John Wace* of *Thurston* held here and in *Mateshale,* a quarter of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf.*

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Hugh Rovey,* chaplain, &c. feoffees of *Roger de Walsham,* held here and in *Matesale,* lands and tenements, sometime *John Wace's.*

In the 8th of *Henry* VI. *Henry Sharington,* Esq. purchased it of *Henry Periz,* clerk, for 42*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. *Thomas Sharington,* Esq, of *Cranworth,* was lord in the 19th of *Henry* VII. and paid wayt fee to the castle of *Wirmegey,* every 24 weeks, 1*s*. 6*d*.

Thomas Sharington, Esq. left it by his will, dated *October* 15, 1519, and proved *Jan.* 12, 1524, to *William* his son and his heirs, paying to his 4 brethren, *Thomas, Henry, John* and *Anthony,* certain legacies; and the said *Thomas* was buried according to his will, in the church of *Cranworth.*[9]

Robert Ball, Gent. had a *præcipe* in the 18th of *Elizabeth,* to render to *Robert Duke,* the manor of *Wace's,* with messuages, and lands in *Thuxton, Matsale, Yaxham, Garveston,* and *Reymerston.*

John Fuller, Gent. was lord of *Wace's* in 1640.

Roger Bigot had a lordship at the survey, which *Rotbert* was enfeoffed of by him, possessed by a freeman, in the reign of King *Edward,* consisting of 20 acres of land, a carucate and 4 acres of meadow; 4 socmen, and the moiety of another belonged to it, and held 10 acres, valued at 4*s*. and here was a church endowed with 16 acres, valued at 16*d*.[1]

This appears to be held by the family of *De Thurston,* in the 11th of *Richard* II. of *Dame Catherine Bigot,* and extended into *Hardingham, Reymerston,* &c.

The church of *Ely* had also at the survey, in this town, *Thorp,* and *Yaxham,* five socmen, who held 50 acres, and a carucate, valued at 8*s*.[2]

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[8] Invasiones Hermeri de Ferrarijs—— In Torvestuna vii libi. ho'es. c. ac. tc. iiii car. mo. iii v ac. p'ti. tc. val. xx sol. mo. xxvi et iiiid. et in h. n. com'datione.

[9] Reg. Bryggs. fol. 154.

[1] Terra Rogeri Bigoti ——— In Thurstuna xx ac. t're. i lib. ho. que' tenet Rotbt. i car. et iiii ac. p'ti. et iiii soc. et dim. x ac. et val. iiii sol. i eccla. xvi ac. et val. xvi*d*.

[2] Terra S'ce. Adeldrede.———In

This seems to be part of the manor of *Thorp,* or *Shipdam,* and to go along with the Bishop of *Ely's* lordship there.

The temporalities of *Westacre* priory were 15*s.*

The tenths were 4*l.* Deducted 1*l.*

The Church is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Paul,* anciently valued at 10 marks. *Peter*-pence 8*d.* The present valor is 4*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* and is discharged from first fruits and tenths.

In the 45th of *Henry* III. *William,* son of *Robert de Thurston,* granted by fine to *John,* son of *William de Thurston,* and his heirs, the advowson of this church.

RECTORS.

John Swetnam, rector.

1381, *Henry Barfoot,* instituted, presented by *Edmund Gurney.*

1384, *Bartholomew Haynes,* by *John Gurney.*

1403, *Thomas Wyght,* by *ditto.*

In 1434, *William Wednale,* occurs rector.

1449, *Robert Barker,* by *Thomas Gurney,* Esq.

Hugh Randolf instituted rector, in 1500, presented by *William Gurney,* of *Creyk,* Esq.

Gregory Bachelor occurs rector in 1603, and returned 40 communicants, and *Richard Thwayts,* Gent. to be patron, and died in 1647.

1728, *Thomas Dalton,* on *Nathaniel Ganning's* death, by *Francis Long,* Esq.

1742, *Humphrey Bickley,* by *William Salter* of *London.*

1752, *Charles Buckle,* on the death of Sir *Humphrey Bickley,* Bart. by *Charles Buckle,* Esq.

Francis Long, Esq. patron in 1740.

Here was the guild of St. *James,* the lights of St. *Mary.* St. *James,* and St. *Nicholas.*

In the church was a gravestone,

In memory of John Futter, gentleman, late of this town, who died Janu. 1572.

A gravestone for

Catherine, 3*d wife of Gregory Pagrave, daughter of* ——— *Pigeon, who died July* 15, 1596.

For

Mary Sefoule, 2*d wife of Greg. who died July,* 1587.

In a north window of the church, party, per fess indented, *sable* and *gules,* three bears, passant, counterchanged, muzzled *or, Whinburgh,* impaling *sable,* two bendlets, *ermine.*

In the 19th of King *Henry* VII. *Thomas Sharington* of *Cranworth,* Esq. lord of *Wace's* manor, and having a good estate here, agreed with ——— *Heyward* of *Norwich,* to glaze a window in this church,

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Turstuna, Torp, et in Jakesham, v soc. S'ce. A. l. ac. sep. i car. val. viii sol.

at 7*s.* 3*d.* farthing per foot, which was to be painted with the history of the Transfiguration of our Lord, and his own picture, and his wife *Catherine's*, kneeling, in their coats of arms, and above in the said window, 6 escotcheons of the arms of their parents, to be given him by *Thomas,* who paid *Hayward* 6*s.* 8*d.* in hand.

EAST TUDENHAM.

HERMERUS DE FERRARIIS was chief lord of this town, when *Domesday* book was made, on the deprivation of *Turchetel,* who held it in the reign of the Confessor, with 66 acres of land, 3 servi, 2 villains, and a carucate in demean, one acre of meadow, the moiety of a mill, one cow, 140 sheep, 38 swine, a church endowed with 20 acres, valued then in the whole, at 16*s.* at the survey at 20*s.* It was 7 furlongs long, 6 broad, whoever should possess it, and paid 22½*d.* gelt.[3]

All the churches belonging to *Hermerus's* land are valued with the lordships.

Hermerus had also seized on 100 acres belonging to 6 freemen, who lived under protection only, in King *Edward's* time, held by 15 borderers, and 2 servi, 3 acres of meadow, and 3 carucates belonged also to it, valued at 26*s.* 8*d.* then, but at the survey at 24*s.*

COCKFIELD'S MANOR.

Turchetel had large possessions, and was succeeded therein, on his deprivation, by this *Hermerus,* by the gift of the Conqueror; from him descended the Lords *Bardolf,* Barons of *Wirmegay;* and the ancient family of *De Melton,* alias *Constable,* lords of *Melton Constable* in *Norfolk,* were early enfeoffed of it. *Peter le Constable de Maelton,* was lord in the reign of *Henry* II. and in this family (of whom see in *Melton Constable)* it remained till on the death of *Geffrey,* son of *Peter de Meauton,* the inheritance came to his 3 sisters and coheirs:

Isabel, married to *Adam de Cokefeld, Alice,* to *Robert de Cokefeld,* and *Edith* to Sir *Thomas de Esteley,* or *Astley; Maud,* their mother, was living in the 41st of *Henry* III. and then the wife of *Jeffrey de Burnaville.*

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[3] Terre Hermeri de Ferrarijs——— Toddenham. tenuit Turchetel T.R.E. lxvi ac. terre p. man. sep. iii serv. et ii vill. et i car. in dominio, et i ac. p'ti. et dim. molin. et i an. tc. cxl ovs. mo clx et xxxviii porc. i ecclia xx ac. tc. val. xvi sol. mo. xx et ht. vii qr. in longo et vi in lato quicu'q' ibi teneat, et xxiid. et obolu' de gelto om's. ecclie de tota terra Hermeri st. app'tiate cum maneriis. —Invas. Hermeri ——In Toteham vi libi. ho's. comd. tantu' c ac. xv bor. ii ser. silv. vi porc. iii ac. p'ti. semp. iii car. tc. val. xxvi sol. et viiid, mo. xxiiii sol.

In the 35th of the said King, *Robert de Cockfeld* and *Alice* his wife, *Adam de Cockfeld*, and *Isabell* his wife, impleaded *Alice le Mareschal*, lady of *North Tudenham*, for fishing in their fishery of *East-Tudenham*, from the old mill of *Hikering*, to the mill called *Gladwar;* but it appearing that the fishery was the right of *Alice's* father, *Hubert de Rie*, and all her ancestors, and that her husband held it, judgment was given for her.

In the 41st of that reign, *Adam de Cockfeld* conveyed by fine to *John* his nephew, his 3d part of this manor, and held then, with *Stephen de Estley*, one fee of the Lord *Bardolf*.

This *John* married a wife named *Postulina*, and was living, and a knight, in the 10th of *Edward* I.; he left a son, Sir *John*, lord in the 9th of *Edward* II.

In the 15th of that King, Sir *John Cockfeld*, and *Margaret* his wife settled it by fine on themselves for life; remainder to *John* and *Thomas* their sons. Sir *John* was living in the 26th of *Edward* III. and paid 40*s*. on the creation of *Edward* Prince of *Wales*, then a knight.

He was succeeded by Sir *Thomas de Cockfeld*, who kept his first court as lord, in the 30th of *Edward* III. when all the free and customary tenants swore fealty to him.

Sir *Robert Cockfeld* was his son and heir, and kept a court here, in the 5th of *Richard* II. and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. he married *Cecilia*, daughter and heir of *Robert de Charnels*, and had Sir *John de Cockfeld*, who kept his first court in the 4th of *Henry* V. and again in the 3d of *Henry* VI.; he married *Margaret*, daughter of *Thomas Foljamb*, and died *sans* issue, about the 30th of *Henry* VI. In the 35th of that King, his widow had an interest herein, and was then the wife of Sir *Ralph Monboucher*.

On the death of Sir *John*, *Agnes* his sister was found to be his heir, the wife of *John Talboys* of *Stallingburg* in *Lincolnshire*, Esq. by whom he had his son and heir, *John*, who by *Catherine* his wife, daughter of Sir *William Gibthorp*, was father of *Margaret*, his only daughter, who married *John Ascough*, Esq. son of Sir *William Ascough*.

This *John* was lord in the 8th of *Edward* IV. and sold it to *William Paston*, Esq.

Sir *William Paston*, (4th son of Sir *William* the judge,) was lord in the said reign, and by the Lady *Anne* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Edmund* Duke of *Exeter*, left two daughters and coheirs; *Agnes*, married to Sir *Gilbert Talbot*, of *Grafton* in *Worcestershire;* and *Elizabeth*, to Sir *John Savile*, who held the same; and Sir *John Savile* held a moiety in the 19th of *Henry* VII.

In the 37th of *Henry* VIII. *May* 20, *Robert Newport*, Gent. of ——— in *Warwickshire*, and *Margaret* his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Gilbert Talbot*, conveyed their right and interest herein, to Sir *John Clere* of *Ormesby*, with the manor of *Melton*, as Sir *John Savile's* interest; and *Mary*, another of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Gilbert*, married *Thomas Astley*, Esq. who conveyed his part to *Thomas Wodehouse* of *Waxham*, *August* 1, in the 2d of *Edward* VI. which soon after came also to the *Cleres;* and *Edward Clere* son of Sir *John*, sold the whole, on *June* 10, in the 4th and 5th of

Philip and *Mary*, to *Thomas Harleston*, yeoman, of *Burgh* by *Mateshale*.

Thomas was son of *John Harleston*, of *Mateshale*, and married *Margaret*, daughter of ———; his will is dated *August* 5, 1558, wherein he gives to two of his daughters and coheirs, *Mary*, the wife of *Thomas Peade*, and *Susan*, the wife of *William Turner*, the manors of *Cockfeld's*, &c.

Margaret their mother, had an interest in it for life, and remarried *Richard Boulden*; but by deed, dated in 1573, they, and the rest of their sisters and coheirs, convey it to *Robert Tylney*, of *East-Tudenham*, Gent. who, by *Mary*, daughter of *Robert le Neve* of *Ringland*, in *Norfolk*, (and living in 1588) was father of *Robert*, who died sans issue, in 1602.

Robert[5] *Tilney*, Esq. of *Grey's Inn*, in *London*, and of *Rotherwick* in *Hampshire*, by *Margaret*, or *Ursula*, daughter of *Henry Haddock*, of *Hampshire*, had *Francis Tilney*, Esq. of *Rotherwick*, and of this town, and was by *Dorothy* his wife, daughter of Sir *Robert Henley*, father of *Frederick Tilney*, Esq. lord of this town, and of *Rotherwick*, who dying *October* 4, 1725, left, by *Anne*, daughter of *George Pitt* of *Stratfield Say* in *Hampshire*, Esq. an only daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, married to the Right Honourable *Will.* Lord *Craven*. *Frederick* was member of parliament for *Winchester*, &c.

The *Tilneys* are descended from the eminent family of that name in *Lincolnshire*: *Robert*, who purchased this manor, was 2d son of *Richard*, who was son of *William Tylney* of *North-Creke*, living in 1470.

Robert died 1589; *Robert*, his eldest son, was a justice of the peace, married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Francis Rugge*, of *Felmingham*, and died *s. p.*

The *Ascoughs* lived in *Lincolnshire*, and bore *sable*, a fess, *or*, between three asses, passant, *argent*; and they quartered the arms of *Cockfield*, *azure*, a cross componé, *argent* and *gules*; *Talboys*, *argent*, a saltire, *gules*, on a chief of the 2d, three escallops of the first; and *Charnells*, *or*, two chevronels, *gules*, in a bordure, *argent*;——*Gibthorpe* bore quarterly, 1st and 4th, *ermin*, 2d and 3d, checque, *or* and *gules*.

ASTLEY'S OR HOLYWELL'S MANOR.

Sir *Thomas de Estele*, or *Astley*, gave name to this lordship, in right of *Edith* his 2d wife, 3d sister and coheir of *Geffrey de Meauton*, alias *Constable*; by *Edith* he had *Thomas*, his first son, *Stephen*, the 2d, &c. *Thomas* died before his mother, who remarried to *Robert de Holewell*, and from him this manor is frequently called *Holywell*.

Stephen de Astley had a grant of free warren in this town, in the 14th of *Edward* I. and he, with Sir *John de Cockfeld*, held one fee of the Lord *Bardolf*. Of this *Stephen*, and the family of *Astley*, I refer the reader to *Melton Constable*.

In this family it remained till *Thomas Astley*, Esq. and *Mary* his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir *Gilbert Talbot*, sold it in 1548, to

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[4] King James I. in his 16 year, granted to this Robert the letes of East and North Tudenham, and east part of Shipdam, &c.

Thomas Wodehouse of *Waxham,* Esq. and soon after it came to the *Cleres.*

Edward Clere, son of Sir *John Clere,* sold it in the reign of *Philip* and *Mary,* to *Thomas Harleston,* as is observed in *Cockfeld's* manor, and so came to the *Tylneys,* and was united to that lordship.

Ralph de Beaufoe had a lordship of which 6 freemen were deprived, who held half a carucate of land and 3 acres, and one of those freemen had 4 borderers; there were also a carucate and an half, with 2 acres of meadow, valued at 14*s.* and 8*d.*

All this *Ralph* had livery of, as his predecessors had.

BARRY'S MANOR.

Sir *Henry Berry,* son of Sir *Ralph,* was lord of it in the reign of *Ed.* I. by his marriage with *Anne,* daughter of Sir *Hugh Todenham,* and was father of *Hugh Berry,* who married *Cecil,* daughter and coheir of *Edmund Hengrave.*

In the 52d of *Henry* III. *Ralph de Berry* granted by fine, to Sir *Henry* a messuage, and 100 acres of land, in *East Tudenham,* with all the land he held in *Hokering, Barnham, Bykerston, Matsale,* &c. in demean, with the homages, reliefs, rents and services of freemen and villains, wards, &c. and *Henry* regranted them to *Ralph* for life, on condition that he should not mortgage, sell, or any ways dispose thereof.

In the 3d of *Edward* II. *Hugh de Berry* and *Cecilia* his wife, had conveyed to them by *Peter,* parson of *Tudenham,* their trustee, 5 messuages, 142 acres of land, 10 of meadow, 16 of pasture, 37*s.* 6*d.* rent, one quarter of barley, and 6 hens, rent, here and in *Hokering,* &c. settled on *Hugh* and *Cecilia,* and their heirs; and in the 23d of *Edward* III. *Hugh* grants to *Edmund* his son, and *Alice* his wife, a messuage, with all his lands and tenements in *East Tudenham, Hokering,* &c.

This *Alice* is by some said to be daughter and coheir of Sir *Thomas Craven,* and by others, daughter and coheir of *Robert Micklefield* of *Suffolk.*

Sir *John Berry,* probably his son and heir, was living in the reign of *Henry* IV. and married *Elizabeth,* daughter and coheir of Sir *Robert Wachesham,* by *Joan,* daughter and heir of *Simon de Hetherset,* (this *Elizabeth* married Sir *Thomas Gerbridge,*) and had by her Sir *Edmund Berry,* who according to his will, dated in 1433, was buried in the chapel of St. *Mary,* in the church of the *Carmes* at *Norwich,* as was the Lady *Alice* his wife, daughter and heir of Sir *Thomas Gerbridge;* and the said Sir *Thomas,* and the Lady *Elizabeth,* mother of Sir *Edmund,* 3d wife of Sir *Thomas.*

By the Lady *Alice,* he left a daughter and coheir, *Agnes,* married to Sir *William Paston* of *Paston,* one of the King's justices, in the reign of King *Henry* VI. and *Alice,* his other daughter and coheir, married to Sir *Thomas Bardolf* of *Elgh* in *Suffolk,* in right of his wife.

On a division of Sir *Edmund Berry's* inheritance about 1454, this

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[5] Regist. Surflete, pt. fol. 125.

came to *Bardolf* in right of *Alice* his wife, by whom he had a daughter and sole heir, *Elizabeth,* married to *Thomas Aslake,* Esq. who was living in the 16th of *Ed.* IV. *Elizabeth,* by her will, dated *April* 13, 1503,[6] then a widow, gives this lordship to *Thomas* her first son, remainder to *William,* her 2d son.

Thomas dying *sans* issue, *William* inherited it, and married *Agnes,* daughter of *John le Vile,* of *Bastwick,* in *Norfolk,* by whom he had 2 sons; *Richard,* who died *sans* issue, and *William,* who left *Dorothy,* a daughter and heir, married to *Christopher Playters,* Esq. of *Somerley* in *Suffolk.*

This lordship was sold *ao.* 1st of *Elizabeth,* by *William Playters* of *Holme* by the Sea, (in *Norfolk,*) to *Thomas Hoo,* by *Burnham* in *Norfolk; Thomas* conveys it to his father, *Richard Hoo,* in the following year, *ao.* 2d of *Elizabeth;* and in the 3d of that Queen, *Richard* released it to *Thomas,* who resided in this town.

By an inquisition taken after his death, in the 13th of that reign, the jury find that he died seized of the manor of *Berry's* in this town, a water-mill, and lands here; and in the said year, the Queen guardian of *Richard Hoo,* then a minor, kept her court here.

On *April* 8, in the 34th of *Elizabeth, Richard Hoo,* of *Scarning,* Esq. *Thomas Feveryere* of *Wesenham,* in *Norfolk,* Gent. *Mary* his wife, *Robert Curson* of *Cressenhale* in *Norfolk,* Gent. and *Anne,* his wife,[7] sold it to *Robert Tylney,* Gent. and so was united to the other manors abovementioned.

APHAW'S MANOR.

Henry de Apehawe was witness to a deed of *Peter de Mealton, sans* date; and in the 41st of *Henry* III. *Roger,* son of *Henry de Alderford,* and *Agnes* his wife, granted a messuage, and lands to *William,* son of *Henry de Apehaw.* At a court held in the 19th of *Edward* III. the jury at the court of Sir *John de Cockfeld,* present that *Henry de Apehaw* held a capital messuage, 30 acres, &c. of land, and that *Robert,* son of *Thomas de Apehawe,* was next heir; and in the 28th of that King, Sir *John de Cockfeld,* as capital lord, had the custody of the heir of *Thomas de Apehawe.*

Henry Apehagh of *East Tudenham,* and *Eleanor* his wife, conveyed it in the 19th of *Henry* VI. to *William Paston,* Esq. of *Paston;* and his son, *William,* possessed it in the 10th of *Edward* IV.

After this, from *Savile,* &c. it came to *Thomas Harleston,* Gent. who, by his last will, in 1558, devised the site, &c. of it, to *Margaret,* one of his daughters and coheirs: she married *William Forby,* Gent. his son, *Hillary Forby,* of *Mileham,* and *Jane* his wife, conveyed it in the 30th of *Elizabeth,* to *Roger Wotton,* Gent. and *Thomas Cocket,* Gent.

Thomas granted his moiety of it to *Henry Wayte* of *King's Lynn,* in the 42d of that Queen; and *Henry,* in the said year, grants it to *Roger Wotton: Roger Wotton* had *Edward* his eldest son, who gave the whole to his brother *Roger.*

This *Roger,* in the 14th of King *Charles* I. was a merchant of *London,* and married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Humphrey Howlet* of *Hunston*, in *Sussex*; and on *October* 20, in the 23d of *Charles* I. sells it by fine, to *Francis Tilney*, Esq. father of *Frederick*, and so was united to *Cockfield's* manor, &c.

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[6] Reg. Popy.

[7] Sisters of Richard Hoo.

Alan Earl of *Richmond*, had also a lordship in this town, as I take it; it belonged to his great manor of *Cossey*, in the hundred of *Fourhoe*, and consisted of 10 socmen, of the said lordship, held by Earl *Guert*, King *Harold's* brother, and slain at the battle of *Hastings*; these socmen had here 40 acres of land, 3 of meadow, also a carucate and a half, and was valued with *Cossey*.

The said Earl had also in *Tudenham* the moiety of a socmen, who held 12 acres of land, with half a carucate.

This is placed in the hundred of *Eynford*, and so, most likely, was *East Tudenham*.

This was held under the Earls of *Richmond*. In 1256, the bailiffs of *Peter de Savoy* Earl of *Richmond* were sued for subtracting the suiters of the towns of *East Tudenham, Thuxton, Yaxham*, and *Westfeld*, from the hundred court of *Mitford*, belonging to the Bishop of *Ely*, to *Cossey*, to which it was found they did not belong.

The family of *De Tudenham* had an interest herein. *John de Todeham* held two fees here, &c. of *Matthew de Leyham*, he of the lady of the honour of *Angre* or *Angar*, in *Essex*, as by a deed sans date: the lady here mentioned, was most likely of the family of *De Briton*, from which family it came by marriage, to the family of *De Riparijs* or *Rivers*.

In the 8th of *Richard* I. *William*, son of *Eudo*, conveyed by fine, to *William Fitz-Walter*, half a carucate of land, in *East* and *West Tudenham*, by which the 6th part of the mill of *Gladewar* was granted to *William*, son of *Walter*, who probably was son of, or related to, Sir *Walter Fitz-Robert*, who married *Maud*, the eldest daughter of Sir *Richard de Lucy*, lord chief justice of *England*, in the reign of *Henry* II. and to whom King *Stephen* had given the honour of *Angre*, which came by *Aveline*, (2d daughter of the said Sir *Richard Lucy*,) to *Richard de Riparijs*, or *Rivers*.

Sir *Ralph le Briton* and Sir *John le Briton*, were lords, of *Sporle*, which Sir *John* was living in 1274, and was lord of *Westfeld* in this hundred, both which lordships were held of the honour of *Richmond*, and (as I conceive) lord also of this town, which came to the *Rivers* family, by *Maud* his daughter, on the death of her brother, *John le Briton*, about the year 1310.

Of the *Britons* see in *Westfield*.

Starcolf had at the survey, 40 acres of land, held by 3 borderers, with a carucate and 3 acres of meadow, valued at 10*s. per ann.*

This *Starcolf* was (as I take it) a *Dane*, and had the lordship of *Bernham Brome*, in *Forehow* hundred, in the reign of the Confessor, and of this; and for his services to the Conqueror, against King *Harold*, held them as we find at the survey.

In the 17th of *Edward* II. *William Gambon* and *Cecilia* his wife, had 44 acres of land, 27 of meadow, 7 of alder, and the rent of 27*s.* here and in *North Tudenham*, (as it is said) *Yaxham, Hokering, Welborne*, &c. and *Richard* was their son and heir.

John Gambon died seized of it in 1432, from whom it came to the

Sternes; Robert Sterne was lord, and *Thomas* his son died possessed of it in 1460, and *Henry* his brother succeeded.

King *James* I. *June* 29, in the 16th of his reign, granted to *Richard Tilney*, Esq. the letes of this town and *North Tudenham, Mattishale cum Bergh*, and the *East* part of *Shipdam*.

Tod or *Tud*, is the name of a river; hence *Todwick* in *Yorkshire, Tudworth* in *Wiltshire, Tuddiford* in *Hampshire*, &c.

The tenths of this town were 5*l*. Deducted 26*s*. 8*d*.

The temporalities of *Coxford* priory were 4*s*. 4*d*.; of *Norwich* priory 9*s*. 2*d*.; of *Pentney* priory 18*s*.; of *Wrongey* priory 7*s*. 8*d*.

The priory of St. *Olave's* of *Heringflete* in *Suffolk*, was taxed at 20*s*. 6*d*. *per ann*. In 1428, Sir *Giles Talbot* held them; and in the first of *Edward* VI. *Henry Jernegan*, Esq. grants to Sir *John Clere*, all those messuages in *East* and *North Tudenham*, late belonging to St. *Olave's* priory, at 10*s*. 8*d*. *per ann*. And after this, *Thomas Harleston* held them.

The Church of *East Tudenham* is dedicated to *All-Saints*, has a large broad nave and chancel, the nave covered with lead, the chancel tiled, and a square tower embattled, and 4 bells at the south-west end of the nave.

In the reign of *Edward* I. the prior of *Wormegeye* was patron, granted by fine *ao*. 15 King *John*; the rector had a manse, with 40 acres of land, and was valued at 21 marks; the prior of *Wyrmegey* had also a portion of tithe valued at 15 marks. *Peter*-pence 22*d*. *ob*. The present valor of the vicarage is 7*l*. 6*s*. *ob*. On the appropriation and settling the vicarage, the rectory was valued at 15 marks, and the vicarage at 6 marks.

RECTORS.

Hamo de Gatele occurs rector in the 22d of *Edward* I.

1312, *John de Bassingham*, instituted, presented by the prior and convent of *Wirmegeye*.

1332, *John Cok*, rector, by *ditto*.

VICARS.

In 1339, it appears that there was then a vicarage, and *Robert de Drayton* was instituted into it on the nomination of the Bishop, and presented by the prior and convent.

1339, *William de Colvyll*, vicar, by *ditto*.

1345, *John de Brom*, vicar, by *ditto*.

Anthony Bishop of *Norwich*, appropriated this church to the prior and canons of *Wirmegay*, in the reign of *Edward* III. and in 1468, that priory was united to the priory of *Pentney*.

1349, *Peter Styward*, collated by the Bishop of *Norwich*.

1357, *John Gale*, vicar, by the prior and convent of *Wirmegaye*.

1368, *William Walwyne*, on the nomination of the Bishop, and presentation of the prior and convent of *Wirmegeye*.

1373, *Henry Peyrecourt*, by *ditto*.

1398, *John Davy*, by *ditto*.

1434, *John Astel*, by the prior, &c.; buried in the chancel, 1479.
1479, *John Makerness, ditto;* buried in the chancel, 1503.
1503, *Richard Harecroft.*
Richard, vicar, by the King.
1554, *John Bushe*, by Sir *John Clere*, Knt.
1560, *William Kirwoodde*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1570, *John Neshe*, by *Robert Tilney*, and *Richard Neave.*
1582, *Thomas Whitby. Ditto.*
1585, *Thomas Buxon*, by *Robert Tilney*, Esq.
1599, *William Breden. Ditto.*
1617, *Abraham Baist*, by *Richard Tilney*, Esq.
1677, *Thomas Baist*, by *Edward Baiste.*
1694, *Jer. Revans*, by *Fred. Tilney*, Esq. died in 1727; on his death, *Henry Prior*, by *William* Lord *Craven.*
1750, *Henry Carrington*, on *Prior's* cession, by *Henrietta* Lady *Townsend.*
1753, *Thomas Duquesne*, by *Charles Townsend*, Esq.

In the chancel south window, was checque, *or* and *gules*, a chief, *ermine*, Lord *Tateshale;* also *azure*, three cinquefoils, *or*, Lord *Bardolf.*

In a north window of the church, checque, *or* and *gules*, a fess, *ermine, Calthorp; azure*, a cross, compony, *gules* and *argent, Cockfield.*

On the south side of the church under the pulpit, is the effigies of a knight in armour, with a heart between his hands, a lion at his feet, said to be for Sir *Edmund de Berry.*

In the church a gravestone,

In memory of Abraham Baist, minister of this parish full sixty years, departed August 8, 1677, *aged* 86.

On an old stone the effigies of a man and his two wives in brass, but no inscription.

In 1603, here were 148 communicants.

Here were the guilds of St. *Mary, All-Saints*, St. *Andrew*, and St. *John* Baptist. The patronage of this church was granted by the Lords *Bardolf* to the priory of *Wirmegey*, before the 25th of *Henry* III. when *Hugh de Heyvile*, who was guardian of *Peter le Constable* of *Mewton*, then a minor, sued the prior on account of the right of presentation.

At the Dissolution, the appropriated rectory was granted *July* 1, *ao.* 7 *Edward* VI. to *William Mingay;* and *William Necton* of *Norwich*, soon after, conveyed it *August* 20, *ao.* 1st and 2d of *Philip* and *Mary*, to Sir *John Clere:* his son, *Edward*, and *Frances* his wife, sold it in the reign of Queen *Mary*, (*ao.* 5th and 6th of *Philip* and *Mary*,) to *Robert Tilney* of this town, and *Richard Neve* of *Ringland*, who had each a moiety.

Robert Neve, son of *Richard*, gave his part by will, in 1639, to *Richard Neve* his son, rector of *North Tudenham*, who sold it, 1639, to *Francis Tilney*, Esq. who held the other part or moiety; and in 1694, *Frederick Tilney*, Esq. possessed the whole rectory.

In the 27th of *Elizabeth*, I find the vicar had a pension of 40*s. per ann.* paid him by the impropriator.

NORTH TUDENHAM

Ralph de Beaufoe had a lordship here when *Domesday* book was made, of which *Sigar*, a freeman, lord also of *Hokering*, (as I take it,) was deprived, and *Richard* held it of *Beaufoe;* 11 borderers, 5 carucates, and 10 acres of meadow, belonged to it, and 2 mills, valued at 4*l.* All this with *Hokering*, was half a leuca long, and half a one wide, and paid 5½*d.* gelt, and *Tottenham* was 5 furlongs long, and 4 broad, and paid 21½*d.* gelt, and there were 2 churches endowed with 20 acres. The two churches here mentioned, are the 2 moieties of this church, or rather *Beaufoe's* right in this church, and in that of *Hokering.*[8]

From *Beaufoe* it came to *Hubert de Rie*, from him to the *Marshals*, then to the *Morleys. John de Shropham* and *Thomas* his son, who held it under the Lord *Morley*, and in the 18th of *Edward* III. granted by fine to *Richard de Bittering*, one of the bailiffs of *Norwich*, and *Margaret* his wife, the manor of *Todenham Faldgate*, (as it was sometime called,) with the homages, services, &c.

In the 43d of that King, *William Blickling*, citizen of *Norwich*, and *Margaret* his wife, conveyed a moiety of it, with lands in *Hokering*, to *Richard Rikkes* of this town, from the heirs of *Margaret.*

From the Lords *Morley* it came to the *Lovells*, so to the *Parkers* Lord *Morley*, as may be seen at large in *Hokering*, &c.

Edward Parker Lord *Morley*, sold it in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, to Sir *Thomas Lovell* of *East Herling;* and Sir *Charles Lovell* was lord in the reign of King *Charles* I.

Thomas Berney, Esq. was in possession of it in 1658; *Thomas Berney*, Esq. in 1720, &c.

ST. CLEERE'S MANOR.

In 1436, *John Green*, citizen of *Norwich*, gave his manor of St. *Clere's* to *Alice* his wife, and her heirs;[9] and by the will of *Robert Norwich*, senior, of *Norwich*, dated *June* 8, 1444, it appears that he was lord of it, and grants it to *Alice* his wife. *Richard Arnolds* of *Shipdam*, Esq. died possessed of in *January* 1472.

After this, it came to the *Wottons. William Wotton*, Esq. in the 19th of *Henry* VIII. was lord, and one of the Barons of the Exchequer, created by patent, *July* 10, *ao.* 13th of *Henry* VIII. He married *Ann*, daughter of *Richard Southwell*, of *Wood-Rising.*

John Wotton, Esq. was his son, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Robert Berdwell*, Esq. of *West Herling;* and by an inquisition taken *September* 16, in the 38th of *Henry* VIII. on the death of the said *Elizabeth*, at *North Tudenham, February* 26 past, widow of *John Wotton*, Esq. who died at *Calais*, in the service of the King, *January* 20, in the said year, before his wife, the jury find that they left issue, *Anne, Wotton*, their daughter and sole heir, aged 10 years; she had 3 husbands; first, Sir *Thomas Wodehouse* of *Waxham;* 2d, *Henry Repps*, Esq. of *Mendham;* 3d, *Bassingh. Gawdy.* and by him only issue.

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[8] Terra R. de Bellofago——In Toddenham tenet Ricard. xi bor. sep. v car. et x ac. p'ti. semp. ii mol. semp. val. iiii lib. tota Hochelinga ht. dim. leug. in long. et i dim. in lat. et vd. et i obolu' de gelto, et Tottenham v qr. in long. et iiii in lat. et de gelto xxid. ii ecclie xx ac. et val. xvid. obolu' q'icuq. ibi teneat.

[9] Reg. Doke——Reg. Wilby, p. 57.

After this, *Edward Walpole* of *Houghton* in *Norfolk*, Esq. was lord; *John Gerrard*, in 1575, is said to have got from this *Edward* (whom he caused to sell this manor) about 1000 marks, and to enter into Jesuitical exercise.[1]

On *September* 27, in the 39th of *Elizabeth*, Sir *Anthony Ashley, James Hussy*, and *John Goodman*, Esq. sold it to *Calybut Walpole*, Esq. brother of *Edward*, with 3 messuages, 60 acres of land, 40 of meadow, 80 of pasture, 10 of wood, 40 of heath, in this town, *Hokering*, &c. with rents and services; and in the 42d of that Queen, *William Cobb* of *Sandringham*, Esq. *Edmund Bedingfeld* of *Ashill*, Esq. and *Anthony Bedingfeld* of *Westleton*, in *Suffolk*, Esq. grant for 350*l.* paid to them, an annuity of 20*l. per ann.* out of it to *Owen Godfrey*, of *Hindringham*, Gent. and *John Dix* of *Wicmere*, by deed, dated *March* 28.

Thomas Skyppe, Esq. died seized of it in 1632.

The *Mandestons* had also an interest here. The heirs of *Robert de Mandeston* held in the 11th of *Edward* I. half a fee in this town, of the honour of *Hokering*, and *Richard de Mandeston* was possessed of it in the 28th of that King, as was *Thomas de Mandeston*, in the 20th of *Edward* III. and *William de Mandeston* in the 3d of *Henry* IV.

The church of *Ely* had a lordship in the time of the Confessor, and at the survey, a socman, with 2 carucates of land, 7 borderers, one mill, 3 acres of meadow, with a carucate and a half, valued at 20*s* but at the survey at 12*s.* and *Ralph de Beaufoe* held it then of the abbot of *Ely*.[2]

This was after held of the Bishop of *Ely*, and was joined to the capital manor here.

In this town, *Hermerus de Ferrarijs* had invaded or seized on 32 acres of land, a carucate and an half of meadow, valued at 5*s.*[3] held by 3 freemen, in Kidg *Edward's* time, and were under protection at that time, being their absolute property; see in *East Tudenham.*

BELHOUSE-MANOR.

Here was a considerable manor in this town, besides what is already observed, belonging to the Earl *Warren*, who by his power had invaded or seized on the possessions of 4 freemen, who had in King *Edward's* time, half a carucate of land belonging to the fee of *Frederick*, and lived under the protection and commendation of his predecessor, with one borderer, 2 carucates and 2 acres of meadow, valued at 10*s.* and *Wimere* held it of the Earl.[4]

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[1] See Thomas Bell's Catholick Triumph, p. 365, Lond. 1610.

[2] Terra S'ce. Adeldrede——In Dodenham i soc. S'ce. A. ii car. t're. vii bor. i mol. iii ac. p'ti. sep. i car. et dim. tc. val. xx sol. mo. xii. Rad. de Bellofago tenet de abbe.

[3] Invasion. Hermeri, &c. Nord Tudenham iiii libi. ho'es. c'md. tant. xxxii ac. sep. i car. i ac. p'ti. val. v sol.

This lordship extended into that of *Shipdam,* which belonged to this Earl, and the moiety of a church which is there mentioned in *Domesday* Book, was undoubtedly the church of *North-Tudenham,* which always belonged to this manor of *Belhouse,* and could not be in *Shipdam,* the patronage of that being in the church of *Ely.*

In the 13th of King *John, Philip Gulafre* impleaded *Richard de Belhus* and *Maud* his wife, for 2 carucates of land here, of which *William Gulafre,* his great grandfather, and *Scurtetuna* his wife, were seized in the time of *Henry* I. who had issue, *Roger,* father of *William,* father of the claimant; *Richard* pleads that he held it in right of his wife, *Maud,* one of the daughters and coheirs of *John Pouchard,* son and heir of Sir *William Pouchard;* to this *Philip* replied, that the relict of *Pouchard* held it in dower, but on her death, *Robert Tregoz,* the capital lord, seized on it and held it; but to this *Richard* and *Maud* answered, that *Tregoz* granted it to them.

Sir *William Pouchard* was father of *John,* who married *Alice,* daughter and coheir of *Fulk de Oyry,* lord of *Gedney* in *Lincolnshire.*

This *John* had 3 daughters and coheirs; *Maud,* the eldest, married Sir *Richard de Belhus: Joan,* another daughter and coheir, married *Reyner de Burgh,* father of *Hubert de Burgo,* lord chief justice of *England; Alice,* the 3d daughter and coheir, married *Robert de Nerford,* founder of the abbey *de Prato* or *Prees,* in *North Creeke,* castellan of *Dover* castle.

In the 24th of *Henry* III. the Lady *Oliva,* widow of *John de Mareschall,* lady of *Hokering,* and of this town, granted by fine the fishery at *Witford,* to *Maud de Belhus.*

Sir *Richard de Belhouse* was a commissioner to enquire after tenures, &c. in the 3d of *Edward* I. and *Thomas de Belhouse,* and *Sarah* his wife, in the 29th of that King, held the manor of *Tudenhalf Faldgate,* by the service of 20*s. per ann.* and half a fee.

Here was then a capital messuage, &c. valued at 11*l.* 17*s.* 2*d. per ann.* and *Richard* was found to be his son and heir, aged 9 years; he was also lord of *West Bilney, Bodney,* &c.

In the 36th of *Edward* III. Sir *Richard Belhouse* died, and left 3 daughters and coheirs; *Emme,* married to Sir *Peter L'Estrange,* lord of *Fransham Parva; Maud,* to *William Bozun,* of *Wyssingset,* Esq. and *Joan* to *James de Holveston;* though some records say that *Joan,* or one of these daughters and coheirs, was married to ——— *Oldhall,* by whom he had *Edmund,* father of Sir *William Oldhall,* who presented to this church in 1446, as lord of some part of *Belhouse* manor, which proves a relation to Sir *Richard Belhouse.*

By an indenture, dated on *Thursday* next after the feast of St. *James* the Apostle, in the 49th of *Edward* III. between *Peter,* prior of *Pentney,* and the convent on one part, *John Bozun* of *Wyssingset,* son and heir of *William,* it appears that *John* had given a 40*l.* bond to the prior (but to be void if the said prior and his successors should enjoy the said manor of *Bodney*) and to *Robert Trayle,* parson of *Barton* St. *Andrews, John de Dunton,* and *Thomas de Brytingham,* and their heirs, the manor of *Belhouse Hall*, in *North Tudenham*, with the moiety of the advowson, and not be impleaded thereof, by *John* or his heirs.

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[4] Invasion. Willi. de Warrenna.—— In Toddenham iiii libi. ho'es. dim. car. t're. de feudo Fedrici com'dati. suo antec. sep. i bor. ii car. ii ac. p'ti. val. x sol. Winemer. tenet de W.

In the said year, Sir *Peter Strange* and *Emme* his wife, *James de Holveston* and *Joan* his wife, conveyed to *Robert Trayle*, &c. this manor, with a moiety of the advowson of the church, and they, as trustees, settled it on the said priory.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. the prior held it by half a fee of the Lord *Morley*, as then said.

On the Dissolution of the said priory, it came to the Crown, and was granted on *July* 21, in the 5th of *Elizabeth*, to *Humphrey Shelton*, and *Eds Hunt*; and after this, it was in the Lord *Morley*, who presented in 1570; and in 1582, in *Edward*, Lord *Morley*, who in the said year had a *præcipe* to deliver it to *Thomas Newman*, and *George Aglionly*, with the advowson of the church.

In 1621, *Thomas Skipp*, Esq. was lord and patron.

This family lived at *Worsted*, in the reign of *Henry* VII. *John Skypp*, D.D. Bishop of *Hereford*, in *Henry* the Eighth's time, was probably born there. *Robert Skyp*, of the said town, had a confirmation of these arms, from *Robert Cook*, Clarencieux, *July* 24, 1577; *azure*, a lion rampant, between three trefoils, *argent*; the crest, out of a crown, *or*, an unicorn's head, coupeè, *argent*, attired *or*, collared and chained.

By an inquisition taken, *Thomas Skypp* was found to die *May* 19, 1632, seized of this manor and advowson, and by *Susan* his wife, daughter of Sir *Edward Bleverhasset*, of *Norwich*, had *Thomas Skyppe*, Esq. who married *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *Edward Spencer*, of *Rendlesham* in *Suffolk*, living in 1664, father of *Thomas Skyppe*, Esq. who died in *September*, 1681.

On his death, *Martin Skypp*, Gent. was lord, and presented in 1687, and was buried in 1696, *June* 11; he had by *Battina* his wife, daughter of *Edward Skypp*, Gent. sons and daughters; she died in 1704.

John Skypp, Gent. son of *Martin*, sold this lordship to *Henry Repynghale*, attorney, at *Aylsham*, from whom it came to —— *Evans* the present lord.

The tenths were 7*l.* 10*s.* Deducted 2*l.* 10*s.*

The temporalities of *Norwich* priory were 10*d.*; of *Wirmegey*, 40*d.*; of *Castleacre* 13*s.* 4*d.*; of St. *Olaves*, of *Heringflete*, 2*s.* 11*d.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Mary*, and consisted of two medieties, one in the patronage of *Beaufoe's* manor, the other of that of *Belhous*. In the reign of *Edward* I. —— *Marshall* was patron, and the rector of that mediety had then a manse, and 20 acres, and Sir *Richard Belhouse*, patron of the other; the rector of that had a manse, and 30 acres; *John* was rector of one mediety valued at 12 marks; and *Richard* of the other, valued also at 12 marks.

The prior of *Rumburgh* had a portion of tithe valued at 2 marks. *Peter*-pence 12*d*. The present valor of both the medieties, being united, is 10*l.* 5*s.* 3½*d.*

The church is a single pile, without any isle, covered with lead, and has a square tower, with one bell; the chancel is covered with tiles.

Near the font is a marble gravestone,

In memory of Peter Forby, gent. who died April 14, 1676, *aged* 28.

On a gravestone with a brass plate,

Hic jaciunt corpora Thomæ Howlet, et Marie uxor. is ob. 10 *die Oct.* 1607, *illa* 27 *Augusti* 1612.

On a marble gravestone, *argent*, three bucks trippant, *gules*, impaling a fess nebuly, between three estoils.

In memory of Thomas Whale, gent. and Dorothy his wife: he departed April 7, 1661, *about* 60, *she the* 16*th of December*, 1658, *aged* 54.

In a window on the north side of the church, *gules*, a chevron, *argent*, between two crosslets, in chief, and an annulet in base, *or*, *Wootton*, impaling *argent*, three cinquefoils, *gules*, *Southwell*; the arms of *William Wotton*, Baron of the Exchequer, and his wife; and in a window on the south side, *Wotton* impaling *Brampton*, *gules*, a saltire, between four cross crosslets, fitche, *argent*.

In the chancel, on a gravestone, with a brass plate, in form of a cross,

I.N.R.I. & crux Christi salus mea.—Hic jacet Francisca Skyppe, filia Tho. Skyppe, Armigeri, quæ obt. 19 *die Feb.* 1625, *ao. ætat. suæ* 2.

On a gravestone, the arms of *Neve*, *argent*, on a cross, *sable*, five de-lis, of the first, impaling, a chevron, *ermine*, between three birds,

Sarah le Neve, vidua, nuper uxor, Roberti le Neve, clerici, sacræ theologiæ baccalauri, hic jacet sepulta, Januarij 6, *Ao. Dni.* 1637.

Hic jacet exemplar virtutis, gloria sexus,
Vitâ, animo, vultu, Sara, Rebecca, Rachel.

Another with the arms of *Le Neve*.

In memory of Frances Neve, who died Apr. 13, 1656.

On the south side of the communion table, is an altar tomb of marble, &c. with three shields, *Skyppe*, impaling *ermine*, on a fess, *sable*, three lions rampant, *or*, *Rant*; *Skyppe*, impaling, on a bend, three de-lis, on a chief, two eaglets displayed; *Skypp*, impaling, per chevron, in chief, three demy lions, couped, in base, a crescent; over it is a mural monument of black and white marble, with the arms of *Skyppe*, and,

A sacred of Love, from Thomas Skyppe of North Tudenham in Norfolk, Esq; one of the gentlemen of his majestie's privy chamber, to the lasting memory of Katherine his wife, by whom he had issue, two only daughters, Frances, who lyeth buried in the west end of this chancel, and Mary who sleeps by her mother, she expired Ao. Dni. 1629, *her age* 31, *her wedlock*, 12, *&c.*

On the south side of the east window, is the bust of a man, with a long beard, and a ruff, and the arms of *Skyppe*, under it,———*Tibi et tuis.*———No name, but some verses setting forth he was a person devoted to his study, (probably a clergyman,) and there is no date to it.

Near the north east part of the chancel, a marble gravestone,

Hic jacet corpus Johs. Smith, clerici, olim hujus ecclesiæ rector fidelis, qui ex hac vitâ decessit tertio die Nov. ao. ætatis suæ 60, *a'oq; Dni.* 1687.

On a black marble before the communion table,

Beatam resurrectionem expectant reliquiæ Jesop Webb, rectoris hujus ecclesiæ p. viginti quatuor annos, qui uxorem delectissimam Annam filiam Robti. Hitch, Generosi, de Melborne in com. Cantab. filiasq; charissimas, Annam, Mariam. Elizab. Janam, et Rutham reliquit, obijt. Ao. Dni. 1710, *ætat.* - - -

In a window on the south side, *gules,* a lion a rampant, *argent,* impaling *Wotton,* and *Wotton* impaling *Southwell,*

Here were the guilds of St. *Mary,* St. *Margaret,* and St. *John* Baptist.

RECTORS.

In 1316, *Alan de Rokhall,* collated to a mediety, by the Bishop, on a lapse.

1317, *Richard de Fyleby,* by *Robert de Morley.*

1318, *Robert de Cave,* instituted, presented by *Richard de Belhouse.*

1325, *Stephen de Redham,* by Sir *Robert de Morley.*

1328, *William de Aldeby. Ditto.*

1329, *Robert Lovedous,* by Sir *Richard Belhouse.*

1340, Mr. *John Franks,* by Sir *Robert Morley.*

1342, *Nicholas de Baldeswell,* by Sir *Richard Belhouse,* senior.

1349, *Thomas Styward,* by *ditto.*

1349, *John Caroun,* by Sir *Robert Morley.*

1349, *Richard Parleman. Ditto.*

1365, *Robert de Long-Stratton,* by Sir *Adam de Clifton.*

1367, *Stephen Atte Cross,* by *Richard Holditch.*

1392, *John Gybbs,* by the prior of *Pentney.*

1393, *Roger Pratt,* M.D. *Ditto.*

1397. *John Gybbs. Ditto.*

1398, *Walter de Thetford. Ditto.*

1409, *John Frank. Ditto.*

1417, *John Knevington. Ditto.*

1424, *Richard Bunting. Ditto.*

1429, *Thomas Fuller. Ditto.*

James Gibbes, rector.

1434, *John Medweby,* by *Thomas* Lord *Morley,* who recovered his moiety against the prior of *Pentney.*

1445, *Thomas Codling,* by the prior, &c.

1446, *William Elsing,* on *Thomas Fuller's* death, by Sir *William Oldhall.*

1457, *John Boset,* by Sir *William Oldhall,* lord of *Belhouse* manor.

1461, *John Boset,* to a mediety, by the prior of *Pentney.*

1506, *John Wilkinson. Ditto.*

1515, *James Sankey.*

1518, *John Hawe,* prior of *Pentney,* presented by *John Spelman,* assignee of the priory.

1537, *Thomas Downing,* LL.B. by *Robert Hogan,* Esq.

1538, Mr. *Thomas Downing,* LL.B. by *Robert Hogan,* assignee of the prior, &c.

1557, Mr. *Michael Dunning,* LL.D. by *George Grange,* assignee of *John Wotton,* Esq.

1559, *Gregory Grange*, by *Francis Thursby*, Esq. and *Margaret* his wife, Lady *Dakers*.

1570, *Robert Waller*, A.M. by *John Grange*, assignee of *Henry Parker* Lord *Morley*.

1598, *Cuthbert Norris*, S.T.P. presented by the Queen, a lapse.

In 1603, he returned 152 communicants, and *Theodore Goodwyn*, Esq. to be patron.

1621, *Richard Neve*, A.M. by *Robert Neve*, assignee of *Thomas Skipp*, Esq. and before this, in 1599, *April* 2, *Samuel Gardiner* compounded for his first fruits, and was presented by *Theodore Goodwyn*.

1663, *Joseph Morrant*, by *Thomas Skypp*, Esq.

1670, *John Smith*, by *John Hobart*, &c.

1687, *Jessop Webbe*, by *Martin Skipp*, Gent.

1710, *Henry Young*, A.M. by *Edmund Young*, Gent.

1750, *Thomas Shelford*, on *Young's* death by *Leonard Shelford*.

Cuthbert Norris, rector, gave a little house in the town, and an acre and half of ground for the poor.

John Smith, rector, gave a house for the clerk of the parish.

WESTFIELD.

ALAN Earl of *Richmond*, was lord of this town, of which the church of *Ely*, was deprived, who held it in the time of the Confessor, and *Facion* was enfeoffed of it, by that Earl; there belonged to it a carucate of land, with 8 villains and 8 borderers, one carucate in demean, and 2 carucates and 3 acres of meadow, of the tenants, with a mill, valued then at 60*s*. at the survey at 40*s*. it was 6 furlongs long, and 6 broad, and paid 6*d*. gelt.[5]

This *Facion* was also enfeoffed by the said Earl of the lordship of *Nerford*; how long he or his descendants held it does not appear.

In the 8th of *Edward* I. *John le Briton* held it by the fourth part of a fee, and paid 10*s*. *per ann.* castleguard, to *Richmond*, and was valued at 100*s*. *per ann.* and in the 21st of that King, Sir *Philip le Breton*, and *Cassandra* his wife held it.[6]

Sir *Edmund de Hederset* was lord in the 20th of *Edward* III. *John* Duke of *Bedford* and of *Richmond*,[7] was the capital lord in the 14th of *Henry* VI. and *Edmund* Earl of *Richmond*, in the 35th of that King, when Sir *Thomas Kerdeston*, held it of him.

The prior also of the house of Salutation of the mother of God, of the *Carthusians* in *London*, had also an interest herein, and a charter for the manor of *Westfield,* and that of *Middleton Cheyney,* in *Northamptonshire,* in the first year of *Richard* II.[8]

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[5] Terre Alani Comitis——Westfelda tenet Facion qua' ten. S. A. T. R. E. i car. t're. semp. viii vill. et viii bord. semp. in d'nio. i car. et ho'um ii car. iii ac. p'ti. i mol. tnc. val. lx sol. mo. xl sol. et ht. vi quar. in long. et vi in lato, et vid. de gelt.

[6] Reg. Hon. de Richm. fol. 46.

[7] This most likely was part of the manor of Whinburgh, held of the honour of Wirmegey, and extended herein.

On the dissolution of the *Charter-house,* it came to the Crown, and was granted in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. *Febuary* 26, to Sir *Thomas Wriothesly,* and Sir *Richard Southwell,* who held it in his own right in the 38th of that King, and paid a fee farm rent for it, of 25*s.* 4*d. per ann.* to the Crown.

From the *Southwells* it came to the *Cranes,* and *Richard Crane,* Esq. brother and heir of Sir *William Crane,* Knt. held it in 1642, then a Baronet; and *William Crane,* Esq. inherited it, who about 1662, settled it, with *Mary,* his wife, on *Robert Clayton,* Esq. afterwards a Knight, and Lord Mayor of *London,* and Sir *William Clayton* inherited it in 1740, and *William Clayton,* Esq. is the present lord and patron.

The tenths were 2*l.* 2*s.* Deducted 1*l.* 10*s.*

The Church is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Andrew,* and a single long pile covered with lead; the chancel is down, and has a square tower with 2 bells. The present valor is 7*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* ancient valor 5*l.* *Peter*-pence, 7*d.*

In a south window, checque, *or* and *sable,* a fess, *ermine, Beckham;* and in a north window, *sable,* a cross ingrailed, *or, Ufford.*

Sir *John de Breton* was lord and patron in the reign of *Edward* I. when the rector had a manse, and 15 acres of land.

RECTORS.

In 1300, *Henry Basset* was instituted, presented by Sir *Thomas de Wyteworth,* Knt.

1315, *John de Richmond,* by *Cassandra,* relict of Sir *Philip de Breton.*

1345, *Jeffrey Waryn,* by Sir *Edmund Hedyrsete.*

1349, *Adam Pagge. Ditto.*

1397, *John Grys,* by *James de Billingford,* and *Andrew Atte-Heg.* *Simon Norman,* rector.

1437, *John Hebbyn,* by the prior of the *Carthusians,* by *London.*

1439, *William Cowley. Ditto.*

1460, *David Styward. Ditto.*

1468, *Richard Cooke. Ditto.*

1469, *John Twe. Ditto.*

1470, *John Dunston. Ditto.*

1482, *John Ivys. Ditto.*

1504, *William Rust.*

1515, *Henry Nesse.*

1536, *John Ferrour,* by the prior &c.

1549, *John Garland,* by Sir *Richard Southwell.*

1558, *James Womoke. Ditto.*

1572, *William Gladon,* by *Thomas* Lord *Paget.*

1579, *Thomas Settle,* by the Queen, a lapse.

1585, *William Morris,* by *William Chancy,* Gent.

1592, *John Matthew,*[9] by Sir *Robert Southwell.*

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[8] Pat. 6, M. 4.

[9] In 1633, Matthew returned 65 communicants to be in this town.

1619, *Daniel Chapman*, by Sir *Thomas Southwell.*
1647, *Euph. Porter*, by *William Crane*, Esq.
1683, *Zachariah Pooley*, by the King.
1703, *Thomas Snyon*, by Sir *Robert Clayton.*
1733, *John Coleman. Ditto.*
1753, *George Thomas*, by *William Clayton*, Esq.
The temporalities of the priory of *Westacre*, were 5*s*. 11*d*.

WHINBURGH.

HERMERUS DE FERRARIIS was lord of this town, by grant of the Conqueror, on the expulsion of *Turchetel*, who possessed it in the reign of King *Edward*, when there were 3 carucates of land, and an acre and half, held by 9 villains, and 8 borderers, with 8 servi, 4 carucates in demean, and 3 among the tenants, &c. 16 acres of meadow, a mill, 2 runci, 8 cows 47 swine, 100 sheep, lacking 2, 60 goats, a church endowed with 6 acres, valued with *Gerveston*, at 6*l*. but at the survey at 7*l*. and was measured with that town, and joined in payment of the gelt.

Also *Hermerus* had a socman with 32 acres of meadow, and a carucate and a half valued at 16*s*. &c. but after at 8*s*.[1]

From *Hermerus*, who was lord of *Wirmegey*, it came, as may be there seen at large, to the Lords *Bardolf*, lords of the honour of *Wirmegey*; and in the 18th of King *John*, *Hubert de Burgo*, chief justice of *England*, had that King's protection for this manor and that of *Stow Bardolf*, in *Norfolk*, granted him at *Lynn*, on *October* 9: he married *Beatrix* the widow of *Dodo Bardolf*, lord of it in her right.

In the 38th year of *Henry* III. *William* Lord *Bardolf* impleaded *Thomas le Parker* of *Saham*, &c. for entering his park, and taking his beasts, and for fishing in his ponds here, and taking his fish; the sheriff returned that it was in the liberty of the Bishop of *Ely*, and therefore a *non omittas* was awarded; and in the said year *William* had free warren in his demean land; and his park is said to contain 500 acres of land.

In the 4th of *Edward* I. the rent of assise of the free tenants was 25*s*. 9*d*. that of the villains 13*l*. 14*s*. 3*d*. 140 hens, and 700 eggs.

There was a messuage with 85 acres of land, 13 of meadow and pasture, with a park, and a windmill, and paid 2*s*. *per ann.* to the Bishop of *Ely's* manor of *Shipdam*.

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[2] Terra Hermeri de Ferrarijs—Winebiga tenuit Turchetel lib. ho. T. R. E. iii car. terre et i ac. et dim. tc. ix vill. mo. xiii tc. viii bord. mo. xii semp. viii serv. et iiii car. in d'nio. tc. et p. iii car hom. mo. iiii tc. silva cl porc. mo. cx et xvi ac. p.ti. tc. i molin. mo. ii sepii runc. et viii an et xlvii porc mo. c ov. ii minus, tc. lx cap. i ecclia vi ac et val. tc. cu Gerofestuna vi libi. mo. vii.

In Wineb'ga i soc. xxx ac. et ii ac. p'ti. tc. i car. mo. dim. tc. val. xvi sol. mo. viii hundret testatur qd. n. poterat vendere sua' terra' sed vicecomes h. e. t'ra dicit qd. poterat vendere sine licencia d'ni. sui.

In the 15th of *Edward* I. the Lord *Bardolf* claimed view of frank pledge, assise of bread and beer, a weekly mercate on *Thursday*, and a fair yearly, on the vigil, the day of St. *Simon* and *Jude*, and the three following days.

I find, that in the 12th of the said King, he claimed a grant for a mercate, on *Wednesday*, and a fair on the eve and day of St. *Margaret*, and the day after, which I suppose set aside the aforementioned one.

Hugh Lord *Bardolf* held it in the 34th of *Edward* I. and paid castle guard to *Norwich*, 7*s*. per month.

John Lord *Bardolf* was found to hold it *in capite*, as part of the barony of *Wirmegey*, in the 45th of *Edward* III. and to have a water-mill, with a pool called *Le Ley*, and a fishery called *Le Motte*.

This lordship being thus a member of the honour of *Wirmegey*, had always the same lords.

In the 4th of *Henry* VIII. on *June* 23d, it was granted with the advowson of the church, late *Francis* Lord *Lovell's*, to *John Carr*, Esq. who conveyed it in the said year, to *John Burney*, and *Ralph Berney*, &c.

After this, it came to Sir *Richard Southwell*, knight, who possessed it in 1544, and it was by them conveyed to the *Cranes*, of *Wood Rysing*, then to the *Claytons*, about 1662, and *William Clayton*, Esq. in 1758, was lord and patron.

The town gave name to the family of *De Whinburgh*, of *Whinburgh*. *Henry Whinburgh*, Gent. by his will, dated the 31st of *October*, 1544, had lands in this town, *Yaxham*, *Gerveston*, *Reymerston*, and *Thuxton*.[2] *Ann* his wife, survived him, by whom he had *James* his son.

John Whinburgh, Gent. of *Norfolk*, was lord of *Benacre* in *Suffolk* in 1577. Their arms were per fess indented, *argent* and *sable*, three bears passant, counterchanged.

In the 4th of *Edward* III. *Roger*, parson of *Lucham*, conveyed by fine to *Osceline de Quinbergh* and *Elizabeth* his wife, lands here, in *Gerveston*, *Reymerston*, *Westfield*, &c.

The Church is dedicated to St. *Mary*, and was valued at 11 marks, paid *Peter*-pence 16*d*. The present valor is 6*l*. 18*s*. 6*d*. *ob*.

In the reign of *Edward* I, the rector had a manse and 30 acres of land.

RECTORS.

In 1305, *Gilbert de Belhaghe*, instituted, presented by *Thomas*, son and heir of Sir *Hugh de Bardolf*, Knt. deceased.

1355, *John Calion*, by *John*, Lord *Bardolf*, of *Wirmegey*.

1360, *William de Alby*. *Ditto*.

1383, *Richard Waghet*, by *William* Lord *Bardolf*.

1391, *John Alpliore*, by the King, guardian of *Thomas* Lord *Bardolf*.

1390, *John Lincoln*. *Ditto*.

1391, *John Fysher*, by Sir *Thomas Mortimer*.

1397, *John Kaninges*, by the King, on the forfeiture of Sir *Thomas*

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[2] Regist. Panting. fol. 42.

Mortimer, who held it in right of the dower of his wife, the Lady *Agnes*, relict of *William* Lord *Bardolf*.

Richard Church was rector in 1603, and returned then 63 communicants to be in this parish; rector also of *Gerveston*, and the heirs of Sir *Robert Southwell*, lately dead, was lord and patron.

1636, *Richard Tedder*.

1638, *Rouse Clopton*.

1647, *Richard Lightfoot*.

Robert Neave occurs rector about 1660.

1723, *Thomas Bott*, on the death of *Peter Burgess*, by *William Clayton*, Esq.

1729, *John Coleman*. *Ditto*.

1753, *George Thomas*. *Ditto*.

In the church was the guild of St. *John Baptist*. St *Mary's* and St. *Nicholas's* light.

The temporalities of the priory of *Wimundham*, 12*s*. 6*d*. *ob*.

In the church were the arms of *Whinburgh*, and *azure*, on a bend cottised, *argent*, three martlets, *gules*, *Malherbe*.

WOOD RYSING,

So called to distinguish it from *Rysing* near *Lynn*; but at the survey, occurs by the name of *Rysing* only, and takes its name, as seated on watery meadows: *William* Earl *Warren* had a grant of it on the expulsion of *Alveva*, a *Saxon* gentlewoman, who held it in King *Edward's* reign, with *Feltwell*, *Wilton*, *Grimston*, &c. all which the said Earl obtained of the grant of the Conqueror.

This lordship then consisted of a carucate, with one in demean, 16 villains, 6 borderers, and 5 carucates of the tenants, and 15 acres of meadow, paunage for 200 swine, &c. and there were then 8 freemen who had 3 carucates, &c. with 6 swine, 7 cows and one runcus, &c. 30 goats, valued then at 40*s*. at the survey at 60*s*.

It was 8 furlongs long, and 6 broad, and paid 15*d*. gelt.[3]

In this town also *Alveva* had a carucate in demean belonging to her manor of *Feltwell*, and accounted for there in the hundred of *Grimshoe*, also 2 socman, with 20 acres, held by the said Earl. See in *Feltwell*.

The Earl *Warren* had also a carucate in demean, and 2 socmen, with 20 acres, &c. here.

This town gave name to a family who were lords of it, and early enfeoffed of it under the Earl *Warren*.

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[3] T're Willi. de Warrenna—— Rising ten. Alveva T. R. E. i car. semp. i car. in dominio et xvi vill. et vi bord. et v car. hom. et xv ac. p'ti. tc. silva cc porc. modo clx et ibi s. viii libi. ho'es. iii car. t're. semp. iii car. silva vi porc. et vii an. et i runc. et xx porc. xxx cap. tc. val. xl sol. modo lx et ht. viii qr. in longo et vi in lato, et xvd. de gelto.—— Hund. de Grimeshoe,———In Risinga. i car. i d'o.——In Risinga ii soc. xx ac. tc. dim. car. mo. i.

In the 12th of *Henry* III. *John de Rising* conveyed by fine to *Roger de Rysing*, a moiety of this lordship, *Alice*, mother of *Roger*, appears then to have right of dower in it; and *William de Rysing*, in the 26th of that King, was impleaded by *Emma*, widow of *Roger de Rysing*, for right of dower, which she recovered here and in *Bergh*, &c.

Roger, son of *William de Wode Rising*, granted in the 14th of *Edward* I. to *John*, son of *Gerard de Reedham*, a messuage, with lands here; and in the 13th of the said King, *William* impleaded *Cecilia*, late wife of *Gerard de Reedham*, for a messuage, one carucate, and 6 acres of wood, as his right.

In the 9th of *Edward* II. *William de Rising* was returned to have a lordship; and in the 18th of *Edward* III. *John de Enepol* and *Joan* his wife, *Henry Broom* of *Reedham* and *Maud* his wife, *Thomas Pykel* and *Joan* his wife, *John Wegge* and *Alice* his wife, sold their right in this lordship, with lands, &c. in *Wichingham* St. *Mary*, and St. *Faith's*, to *Will. de Witchingham*, quit of the heirs of *John, Maud, Joan*, and *Alice*.

The said *William* had conveyed to him by fine, in the 32d of that King, the 8th part of the manor of *Woderising*, by *Roger Hakun* of *Cantele*, and *Joan* his wife, *Edmund de Whitton* of *Reedham*, and *Isabel* his wife, *John Grigge* of *South Walsham*, and *Catharine* his wife, quit of their heirs.

It is probable that this *William de Wichingham*, who was lord of *Wichingham*, a judge, and a knight, married an heiress of *Roger* or *William de Rising*.

In the 32d year of *Edward* I. *Richard*, son of *John de Woderising*, held of *Isabell*, late wife of *Roger de Woderising*, 6 acres of land, by fealty, and 3*s*. rent *per ann.*; and in the 36th of King *Edward* III. *Richard de Rising* and *Isabell* his wife, granted lands in this town, *Bergh, Hengham*, with divers natives, (slaves,) and all their sequels, to the said *William* and *Margaret* his wife.

Richard de Rising and *Isabel* his wife, *John Taylour* of *Witchingham* St. *Faiths*, and *Julian* his wife, *John Lovetoun* and *Alice* his wife, *John Falman* of *Baldeswell*, and *Margaret* his wife, *Thomas Wyche*, and *Margaret* his wife, granted several lands and meadows, with 5*s*. rent here, &c. to *Richer de Wichingham* and his heirs, with the homages and services, in the 44th of the said King, which *Richer* was son of Sir *William*, and *Margaret* his wife.

In the 2d year of *Henry* VI. *Nicholas Wichingham*, Esq. was lord.

About the beginning of the reign of King *Edward* IV. it came to *Richard Southwell*, Esq. by the marriage of *Amy*, one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Edmund Wichingham*,[*] lord of this manor.

He was son of *Robert Southwell*, Esq. by *Cecilia*, his wife, daughter of *Thomas Sharington*, Esq. of *Cranworth*, as the pedigree here following sets forth. *Richard* was escheator of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, in the 38th of *Henry* VI. in the 4th of *Edward* IV. he was made by letters patents, marshal of the Exchequer, and in the said year had a grant of 20 marks *per ann*. on the aulnage of *Suffolk*, and is styled late servant to our well beloved cousin *John* Duke of *Norfolk*; and was living in 1466, executor then to *John Brocher*, rector.

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[*] Of the Witchinghams see in Witchingham.

SOUTHWELL'S PEDIGREE.

(*a*) John Southwell, Esq. of Felix Hall in Essex.

(*b*) Robert Southwell, Esq.—Cecilia, daughter of Thomas Sharington, Esq.

Richard Southwell, Esq.—Amy, first daughter and coheir of Sir Edmund Wichingham.

Dau = Wm Wotton

Eliz = Phil Calthorp

(*c*) Sir Robert Southwell, ob. s. p. m.d Ursula d & coh of Sir John de Bohun kt. will pr. 5 June 1514

(*d*) Francis Southwell, Esq. ob 2 Sept 1512 Inq. p.m. 4 H. 8.—Dorothy, old daughter and coheir of William Tendring, Esq of Birch Essex. will prov. 1501 Sk born 1477.

Elizabeth ux Jas. Beamond se fine 5 H. 8

Margaret 2d & coheir of W Tendring at 7 in 1499 = Robert Foster of Birch Essex

1st, Thomasine, daughter of Sir Robert Darcy, of Danbury in Essex.—Sir Richard Southwell (*e*) of Wood-Rising. at 10 in 1514.—Mary, daughter of Thomas Darcy of Danbury in Essex.

Elizabeth, daughter and heir.—George Heneage, Esq.

Sir Robert Southwell, master of the rolls (*f*) to Henry VIII. Buried Mereworth Kent 1 Oct. 1558—Margaret, daughter and heir of Sir Thomas Nevill, 4th son of George, Lord Abergaveny. Born 1519 mar. 1537 ob 25 Dec. 1575 at 55. Wydial Ch: Herts

1st, Richard Southwell of Horsham St. Faiths. m.d Bridget d of Sir Robt Copley

2d, Thomas Southwell, of Monton.

Rd =

Richd = Alice d of Sir Thos Cornwallis

Richard ob 12 June 1626 = Ann d. of Sir Thos Harris kt by Cordelia d of John Gyll of Wydial Herts.

Thomas Southwell, of Wood-Rising, (*g*) Esq. at 21 in 1558—Mary, daughter of Sir Rice Mansell, 2d wife.

3. = Sir Edw. Dowdall
= Donogh O'Bryan

Frances = Wm Lenthall

Sir John Lenthall

(*h*) Sir Robert Southwell of Woodrising.—Elizabeth, daughter of Charles Howard, Earl of Effingham, lord high admiral of England.

(*i*) Sir Thomas Southwell, died in 1648.—1st, Margaret, daughter of Fuller.

Robert.

Charles.

Elizabeth,—married Sir Robert Dudley, knight.

Catherine,—Sir Grevill Verney of Warwickshire.

Frances,—Sir Edward Rodney of Somersetshire.

Frances,—William Bembo of London.

Penelope,—William Levet of Petworth in Sussex.

Sarah, daughter and coheir.—William Peacock, Esq. of Essex.

Elizabeth, daughter and coheir.—John Middleton of ———.

Thos Tendring = — dau of Holbrook

Wm Tendring = Eliz d. of R Wolferston

Sir John Barrington =

Wm Lunsford of Sussex = 1 Thomazine ob 16 Jan 1498/9 = 2 Wm Sidney

Thos

Nicholas Sidney ob 1519

Wm Tendring of Birch Essex ob 1500 = Thomas d of W Sidney

2d w.

~~Agnes d of~~ = Tho. Peryent ob.

George Foster = Alice

Robt Spring = Joan = Henry Peryent

Robert

Thos Peryent

George Peryent = Agnes ob 1532

Sir John Peryent

Dorothy of Sir Wm Tendring

2d w

Cath = John Bacon

3d w.

= William Plumbe son of John Plumbe (Born at Eltham Kent) of Northend Fulham Middx — m.d 1568 ob 9 Feb. 1593 at 60. Will prov. July foll.

= Eliz d. & h of Edw Dormer of Fulham Son of Geoffrey D: wid of John Gresham 2d son of Sir John Gresham

= Margaret dau of —

Extrix 1593 to will of Wm Plumbe

Francis Plumbe

Gertrude 2d coh m.d 1516 ob. 1560. = George Gyll of Wydial Herts ob 1568

Joyce = & Cath

John Gyll ob 1600 = Joan ob 1600

= John Bacon of Hesset

= Cath: d of Geo: Peryent of Lavenham

Robert Bacon = Cordelia = Sir Th Harris ob. 16

Richard Southwell ob. 12 June 1626 = Ann Ha

(*a*) This *John*, as the family pedigree sets forth, married a daughter of ——— *Symon*, alias *Prude*, who bore - - - - -, three mullets of six points. In the 33d of *Henry* VI. it appears that *William Bonds*

&c. conveyed to *John Southwell*, and *Alice* his wife, the manors of *Elgh* and *Pakefield*, in *Suffolk*, and was (as is said) his 2d wife, probably daughter and coheir of Sir *Edmund Berry*, and relict of Sir *Thomas Bardolf*. In the 3d of *Edward* IV. *Edmund Bardolf*, and *Alice Gryce*, daughter of *William Gryce*, had lands conveyed to them in *East Todenham*, by *John Southwell*, and *Alice* his wife, for life; remainder to *John* and *Alice*, and the heirs of *Alice*.

In the 29th of *Henry* VI. he was member of parliament for *Lewes* in *Sussex*, and lived at *Barham-Hall* in *Suffolk*.

(*b*) *Robert* was also lord of *Barham-Hall* in *Suffolk*, and married *Cecilia*, daughter of *Thomas Sharington*, Esq. of *Cranworth*, in *Norfolk*, and is buried in the church of *Barham*, with this inscription on his gravestone,

> *Robert Southwell, Esq. apprentice of the law, justice of the peace, and Cecill his wife, daughter of Thomas Sharington, Esq. here buried, which Robert died* 27 *September*, 1514.

And in a window of *Barham Hall, Southwell, argent*, three cinquefoils, *gules*, impaling *Sharington* and *Swathing*, quarterly, as in *Cranworth*.

(*c*) Sir *Robert* married *Ursula*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Bohun*, of *Midhurst* in *Sussex*, Esq. and died *s. p.* He was made seneschal of all the honours and manors forfeited to the King, by *Edmund de la Pole* in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk* or by the Duchess his mother, Duchess of *Suffolk*, *ao.* 19th *Henry* VII. and in the following year, by patent, chief butler of *England*.

In the 4th of *Henry* VIII. he was made supervisor of the King's lands, and castles, by act of parliament, and receiver general of them: Elizabeth he also married ~~*Ursula*~~, a 2d wife, daughter of Sir *Philip Calthorp*, but died *s. p.* on the last day of *March*, in the 6th of *Henry* VIII. seized of this manor, held of the duchy of *Lancaster*, and left *Richard* son of his brother *Francis*, his heir, aged 10 years.—*Bohun* bore *or*, a cross, *azure*.

(*d*) *Francis Southwell*, Esq. brother to Sir *Robert*, was auditor of the Exchequer. & died 2 Sept. 1513. Inq. p. m. 14 Nov. 5. H8.

He married *Dorothy*, eld daughter and coheir of *William Tendring*, Esq. son of *William*, the son of *Thomas Tendring*, Esq. by *Agnes*, daughter and heir of *Holbroke*, by whom he had Sir *Richard* and Sir *Robert Southwell*, Dorothy ~~she~~ m. Sir John [illegible] Kt. by him had 2 daus. & coh: Gertrude m. George Gyll Esq. and Jane m. Wm. Barley of Herts.

(*e*) Sir *Richard*, eldest son of *Francis*, was a great favourite of King *Henry* VIII. one of the visitors appointed by him of the monasteries in *Norfolk*, on their suppression; of the privy council to that King, *Edward* VI. and Queen *Mary*; master of the ordnance, and armory, and one of the executors to *Henry* VIII.; high steward of the duchy of *Lancashire*.

In the reign of Queen *Mary*, he made a remarkable speech (1554) in the house of lords, on that Queen's being with child, and an act of parliament thereon passed, about the government of the realm, and the person of the child, in case of that Queen's decease.[5]

It appears by the account of *Ambrose Jermyn*, Esq. in the 37th of *Henry* VIII. that he was lord of the following manors:

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[5] Hollingsh. p. 1124.

Woodrising, Cranworth, Butler's, or *Boteteur's* in *Letton; Whinburgh* cum membris, *Westfield, Skoulton, Carbroke, Woodhall, Carbroke Magna,* or the preceptory manor, with the impropriate rectory, &c. *Saham Tony, Insoken,* and *Outsoken, Cressingham Parva, Tottington, Campsey,* and *Mortimer's, Thexton, Morton* cum *Ringland, Kypton* in *Wesenham, West Rudham, Tofts, Bircham, Burnham, Lexham's, Geyton, Brancaster, Burnham Thorp,* alias *Wymondham's, Horsham,* and *Walsoken, Popinhoe,* in *Norfolk.*

He married first, *Thomasine,* daughter of Sir *Robert Darcy,* Knt. of *Danbury* in *Essex,* by whom he had an only daughter, *Elizabeth,* married to *George Heneage,* Esq.; his 2d wife was *Mary,* daughter of *Thomas Darcy* of *Danbury* aforesaid, by whom he had *Richard Darcy,* alias *Southwell,* of *Horsham St. Faith's,* in *Norfolk,* Esq. and *Thomas Darcy,* alias *Southwell,* Esq. of *Morton* in *Norfolk;* but they being born in the time of his first lady, when *Mary,* (whom he afterwards married) was his mistress, and so illegitimate.[6]

Great part of his inheritance, with this lordship, came to his nephew, *Thomas Southwell,* son of Sir *Robert Southwell,* by *Margaret* his wife, daughter and sole heir of *Thomas Nevill,* 4th son of *George* Lord *Abergavenny.*

Mary his widow, was living in 156 1~~65~~9. This *Robert* built here a large and splendid seat, with a park adjoining, where Queen *Elizabeth* was entertained in 1578.

(*f*) Sir *Robert Southwell,* younger brother of Sir *Richard* aforesaid, was master of the rolls *July* 1, *ao.* 33d of *Henry* VIII. lived at *Mereworth* in *Kent,* and was also chancellor of the court of augmentations, and high sheriff of *Kent,* in the reign of Queen *Mary:* he married *Margaret,* daughter and sole heir of Sir *Thomas Nevill;* in 1568, she was the wife of *William Plumbe,* Esq. He died 25 Decr 1575 æt 55. MI Wydial Chancel Co. Herts.

He was buried in the chancel of *Mereworth* church, and died *October* 28, in the first of *Elizabeth, Thomas* his son then aged 21.

(g) *Thomas Southwell,* Esq. son and heir of Sir *Robert,* and *Margaret* his wife, inherited this manor, as legal heir to his uncle, Sir *Robert,* and married 3 wives; first, *Margaret,* daughter of Sir *Henry Jernegan* of *Cossey,* who died *s. p.* his 2d, was *Mary,* daughter of Sir *Rice Mansell,* of *Glamorganshire* in *Wales,* by whom he had his son and heir, Sir *Robert;* and his 3d wife was *Nazareth,* daughter of Sir *John Newton,* of *Hawtrey* in *Somersetshire,* by whom he had a daughter, *Elizabeth,* married to Sir *Barentyne Molyns,* of *Clapcot* by *Wallingford* in *Berkshire;* he died in 1567, and *Nazareth* his widow married *Thomas* Lord *Paget.*

(*h*) Sir *Robert Southwell,* son of *Thomas,* was rear admiral in the famous engagement with the *Spanish* fleet, in 1588.

He married the Lady *Elizabeth,* daughter of *Charles Howard* Earl of *Nottingham.*

At his death, on *October* 12, in 1599, Sir *Tho.* was his son and heir; his widow married ——— *Steward* Earl of *Clanrickard* in *Scotland;* and on *June* 10, 1605, she had an annuity granted of 200*l. per ann.* on the decease of the Lady *Elizabeth Leighton.*

(*i*) Sir *Thomas Southwell,* on the death of his father, was about 5 months old; he married first, *Margaret,* daughter of ——— *Fuller;*

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[6] See Sir Henry Spelman's History of Sacrilege, p. 270.

and to his 2d wife, *Mary*, daughter of ——— *Eden*, LL. D. she died *s. p.* but by his first wife, he left 4 daughters and coheirs;——— *Sarah*, married to *William Peacock* of ——— in *Essex*, Esq. *Elizabeth*, to *John Middleton*, of *Hangleton* in *Sussex*, Esq. *Frances*, to *William Bemboe* of *London*, Gent. and *Penelope*, to *William*, son and heir of *Arthur Levet*, of *Petworth* in *Sussex*, Gent.

Sir *Thomas* died in 1643, having wasted most of estate, and sold this lordship to Sir *Francis Crane*.

In the 2d of *James* I. the rent of assise of this manor was 12*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.* *ob.* of the demean land, 93*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*; perquisites of court 58*s.* 8*d.* The whole rent was 191*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* *ob.* *David Hughes* being then receiver general of *Thomas Southwell's* estate.

This family of *Southwell*, seems to take their name from the town of *Southwell* in *Nottinghamshire*.

Sir *John de Southwell* had a patent dated at *Rennes* in *Britany*, *June* 7, *ao.* 13, of *Edward* I. to be seneschal of the dutchy of *Gascoign* in *France*; and on *June* 2, in the 17th of that King, had a grant of the castle of *Burdeaur*, for life, for his great services, and for rendering himself an hostage, for the liberty of *Charles* King of *Sicily*, then a prisoner in *Arragon*.

In the 20th of that King, he was sent with *Nicholas de Segrave* and *Osbert de Spalding*, as judges, to hear and adjust complaints in the isle of *Man*, and was wrote to by the King, in his 22d year, to attend and assist him in the recovery of *Gascoign*, which had revolted.

John Southwell, in the 22d of *Edward* III. was made chief officer for the King, in the county of *Cork* in *Ireland*, for life, on the attainder of *Thomas* Earl of *Desmond*, with power to make a deputy, for as much as he was always attendant on the King's person.

In the 34th of the said King, *John de Southwell*, was *D'ni. Regis clericus*, probably clerk of the King, and had a pension of 10 marks *per ann.*

Richard Southwell, was high sheriff of *Kent* in the 48th of *Edward* III. and called *Historicus Anglus* by *Pitt*,[7] and *Nicholas Southwell* was groom of the bedchamber to King *Rich.* II. and sent by him in his 11th year, to the King of *France*, with credentials.

The arms of *Southwell*, and of families abovementioned: *Southwell*, *argent*, three cinquefoils, *gules*; *Tendring*, *azure*, a fess between two chevronels, *argent*, *Holbrook*, *gules*, a chevron, between ten cross crosslets, *or*; *Darcy*, *azure* or *argent*, three cinquefoils, *gules*; *Nevill*, *gules*, a saltire, *argent*, charged with a rose, proper; *Heneage*, *or*, a greyhound, currant, *sable*, between three leopards heads, caboshed, *azure*, in a bordure ingrailed, *gules*.

Fuller, *argent*, two bars and a canton, *gules*; *Eden*, *argent*, on a fess, *gules*, three garbs, *or*, between two chevronels, *azure*, each charged with three escallops, *argent*; *Peacock*, *gules*, on a fess, engrailed, *argent*, three mascles, *azure*, between three bezants, each charged with a peacock's head erased, *azure*; *Middleton*, *argent*, a saltire engrailed, *sable*; *Levet*, *argent*, lion rampant, and crucily of cross crosslets, fitcheè, *sable*.

Sir *Francis Crane*, Knt. abovementioned, who purchased this lordship of Sir *Thomas Southwell*, was Chancellor of the Garter, and

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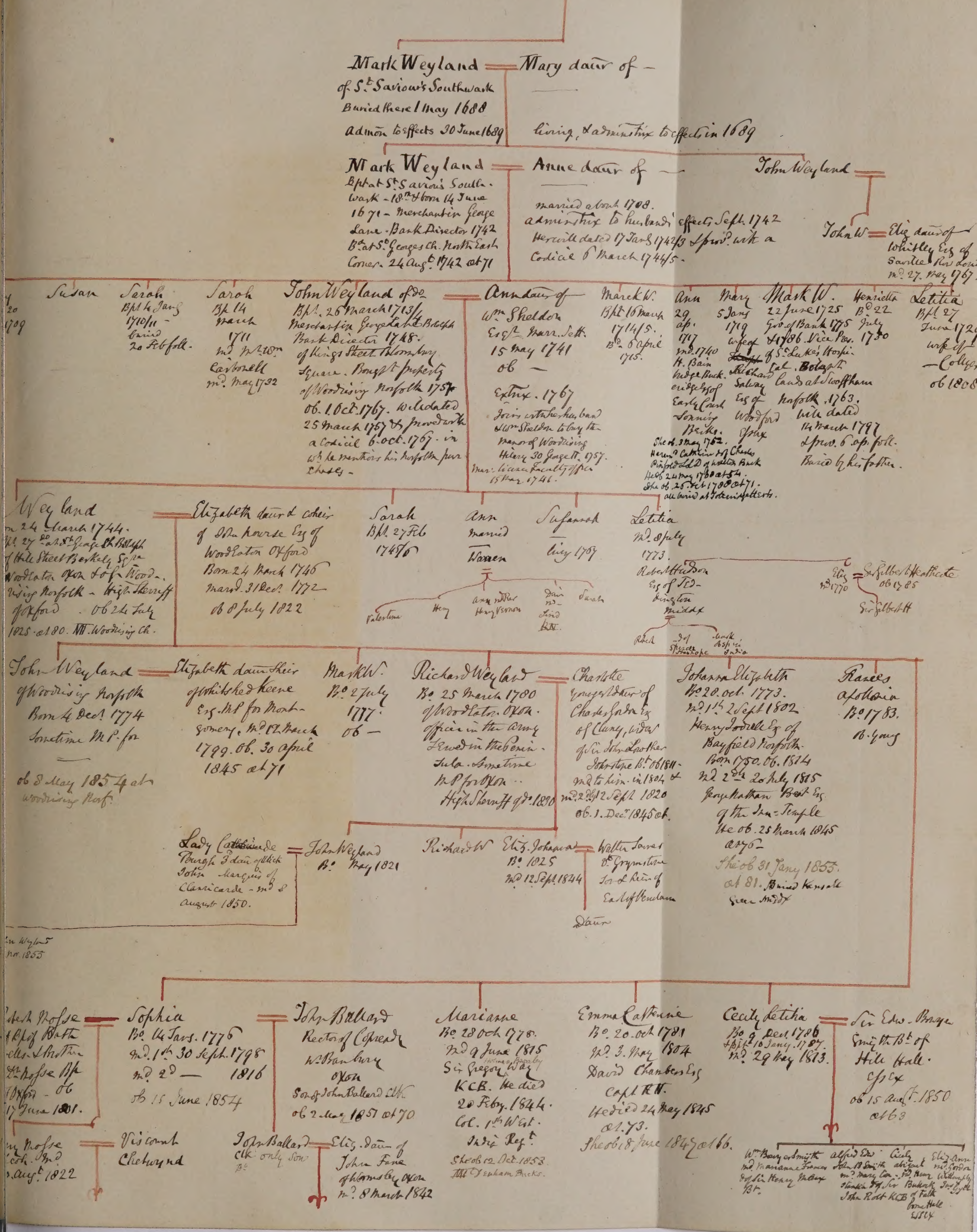
[7] De Angl. Scriptorib.

WEYLAND



Mark Weyland = **Mary daur of —**

of St. Saviour's Southwark
Buried there 1 May 1688
Admon to effects 30 June 1689

—
living, & administrix to effects in 1689

Mark Weyland = **Anne daur of —**

Bpt at St. Saviour's Southwark — 18th & born 14 June 1671 — Merchant in George Lane — Bank Director 1742
Bd. at St. Georges Ch. North East Corner. 24 Augt. 1742 at 71

—
married about 1708.
administrix to husbands effects Sept. 1742
Her will dated 17 Jany 1742/3 & prov. with a Codicil 6 March 1744/5.

John Weyland =

John W = **Eliz daur of — Whitley Esq of Savile Row Lon[illegible]**
md. 27. May 1767

[illegible]
20
1709

Susan

Sarah
Bpt 4 Jany 1710/11 — buried 20 Feb foll.

Sarah
Bp 14 March 1711
md. Mr. Wm. Carbonell
md. May 1732

John Weyland of do. = **Ann daur of — Wm. Sheldon**
Bpt. 26 March 1713/4
Merchant in George Lane & Botolph
Bank Director 1748.
of Kings Street Bloomsbury Square. Bought property of Woodrising Norfolk 1757
ob. 1 Oct. 1767. Will dated 25 March 1757 & proved with a Codicil 6 Oct. 1767 — in wh. he mentions his Norfolk purchases —

Wm. Sheldon Esqr. Marr. Sett. 15 May 1741
ob —
Extrix. 1767
Joins with her husband & Wm. Sheldon to buy the manor of Woodrising Hilary 30 George II. 1757.
Mar: licence Faculty office 15 May 1741.

Marck W.
Bpt 16 March 1714/5.
Bd. 6 April 1715.

Ann
29 ap. 1717
md. 1740 H. Bainbridge Buck. [illegible] of Early Court Sonning Berks.
She d. 3 May 1762.
He md. Catherine d of Charles Pinfold LLD of Walton Bucks
He ob 24 May 1780 at 54.
She ob 25 Feb 1788 at 71.
All buried at [illegible]

Mary
5 Jany 1719
wife of ~~[illegible]~~ Richard Salway Esq of Woodford Essex

Mark W.
22 June 1725
Gov. of Bank 1775 & 1786. Vice Pres. of St. Luke's Hospi[tal]. Bought lands at Swaffham Norfolk 1763.
Will dated 14 March 1797 & prov. 6 ap. foll.
Buried by his father.

Henrietta
Bd. 22 July 1730

Letitia
Bpt 27 June 172[illegible]
wife of [illegible] — Colleg[illegible]
ob 1808

[illegible] Weyland = **Elizabeth daur & coheir of John Nourse Esq of Woodeaton Oxford**
[illegible]n 24 March 1744.
[B]pt. 27 do. at St. George the Botolph
of Hill Street Berkely Square
Woodeaton Oxon & of Woodrising Norfolk — High Sherrif of Oxford. Ob 24 July 1825 at 80. MI. Woodrising Ch.

Born 24 March 1746
marrd. 31 Decr. 1772
ob 8 July 1822

Sarah
Bpt. 27 Feb 1745/6

Ann
married
—
Warren =
Valentine
Hen[ry]
Ann wdw. Henry Vernon
Dau md. — Lind RN.
Sarah

Susannah
—
living 1767

Letitia
Md. 8 July 1773.
Robert Hudson Esq of Teddington Middx =
Rich.
— d of Spencer Stanhope
Mark d. sp. in India

Eliz = **Sir Gilbert Heathcote**
md. 1770
ob 1785
Sir Gilbert H

John Weyland = **Elizabeth daur & heir of Whitshed Keene**
of Woodrising Norfolk
Born 4 Decr. 1774
Sometime M.P. for
—
ob 8 May 1854 at Woodrising Norf.

Esq. M.P. for Montgomery, Md. 12 March 1799. ob. 30 April 1845 at 71

Mark W.
Bo. 2 July 1777.
ob —

Richard Weyland = **Charlotte**
Bo. 25 March 1780
of Woodeaton Oxon.
Officer in the army
Served in the Peninsula. Sometime M.P. for Oxon.
High Sherriff of do. 1830

Youngest daur of Charles Gordon Esq of Cluny, widow of Sir John Lowther Johnstone Bt. ob 1811 — md to him in 1804 & md. 2dly 12 Sept 1820
ob. 1. Decr. 1845 at.

Lady Catherine de Burgh = **John Weyland**
Lady ~~Catherine~~ de Burgh 3d dau of Ulick John Marquis of Clanricarde — md 8 August 1850.
Bo. May 1821

Richard W

Eliz. Johanna = **Walter Lorne Grymston**
Bo. 1825
Md. 12 Sept. 1844
St. Grymstone Son & heir of Earl of Verulam
Daur

Johanna Elizabeth
Bo. 20. Oct. 1773.
Md. 1st. 2 Sept 1802
Henry Jodrell Esq of Bayfield Norfolk.
Born 1750. ob. 1814
Md. 2nd. 20 July 1815
George Nathan Best Esq of the Inner Temple
He ob. 25 March 1845 at 76 —
She ob 31 Jany 1855. at 81. Buried Kensall Green Middx

Frances Apollonia
Bo. 1783.
ob. young

[illegible]n Weyland
[illegible] Nov. 1855

[illegible]bert Nosse = **Sophia**
[illegible] Bp of Bath [illegible] & Brother [illegible] Dr. Nosse Bp. [o]f Oxford — ob 17 June 1801.

Bo. 14 Jany. 1776
md. 1st. 30 Sept. 1798
md. 2d — 1816
ob 15 June 1854

[Hen]ry Nosse = **Viscount Chetwynd**
[illegible] coh. Md [illegible] Augt. 1822

John Ballard
Rector of Cropredy
Nr. Banbury Oxon
Son of John Ballard Clk.
ob 2 May 1851 at 70

John Ballard = **Eliz. daur of John Fane of Wormsley Oxon**
Clk only son
Bo.
md. 8 March 1842

Marianne
Bo. 28 Oct 1778.
Md 9 June 1815
Sir Gregory Holman Bryan Way KCB. He died 20 Feby. 1844.
Col. 1st West India Regt.
She ob 12 Oct. 1853
MI Denham Bucks.

Emma Catherine
Bo. 20. Oct 1781
Md. 3. May 1804
David Chambers Esq Capt RN.
He died 24 May 1845 at 73.
She ob 18 June 1847 at 66.

Cecily Letitia = **Sir Edw. Bowyer Smyth Bt. of Hill Hall. Essex**
Bo 9 Dec 1786 & Bpt 10 Jany. 1787.
Md. 29 May 1813.
ob 15 Augt. 1850 at 63

Wm. Bowyer Smyth md. Marianne Frances d of Sir Henry Meux Bt.

Alfred Edw John B Smith md. Mary Con. Stanton d of Sir John Rolt KCB

Cicely Abigail md. Henry Bulock of Falk[illegible] Hall Essex

Eliz. Anne md. Gordon Willoughby Jas. Gyll

brought into *England* the manafacture of curious tapestry, settled at *Mortlack* in *Surry;* gave 500*l.* to the rebuilding of St. *Paul's* church, in *London*, added 4 poor knights to the number of those in *Windsor* castle, with 40*l. per ann.* to each of them.

He married *Mary*, daughter of *David*, and sister of Sir *Peter de la Maire*, and died at *Paris June* 6, 1636, lord of this manor.

He was succeeded by *Richard Crane*, Esq. his brother, created baronet *March* 20, 1642, who married *Mary*, daughter of *William* Lord *Widdrington:* he lived here, and died in 1645; his will is dated *September* 20, in the said year.

By *Mary*, daughter of ——— *Bond*, his adopted heir, and niece, it came to *William Crane*, Esq. son of *John Crane* of *Loughton*, in *Buckinghamshire*, clerk of the kitchen to King *James* and King *Charles* I. by *Mary*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Tresham*, of *Rushton* in *Northamptonshire.*

About the year 1668, this *William* and *Mary Crane*, conveyed this lordship to *Gabriel Bedle*, citizen and stationer, of *London*, executor of *John Bedle* of *London*, Esq.

Edward Bedell, Esq. was lord in 1682, probably nephew of *John* aforesaid, and son of *William Bedell*, by *Anne* his wife, daughter of ——— *Brown*, governor of *Nimeguen* in *Holland*, son of *Sylvester Bedell* of *Molesworth* in *Huntingdonshire*, by *Anne* his wife, daughter of *James Pickering* of *Titchmarsh* in *Northamptonshire*, Esq.

In 1681, *Edward Bedell*, Esq. presented to this church: he married *Arabella*, daughter of *George Porter* of *Whitehall*, in *Westminster.*

In *August*, 1715, *George Bedell*, Esq. died lord, and unmarried, and left 2 sisters and coheirs, Mrs. *Bringlow* and Mrs. *Burgess*, who 1757 sold this lordship to ~~*Pinkney*~~ John *Weyland*, Esq. of *London*, who is lord and patron. See ped. of Weyland. Vol VI. page 173

The tenths were 3*l.* Deducted 12*s.*

The temporalities of the priory of *Lewes* were 41*s.*; of *Wendling* abbey 14*s.*; of *Flitcham* priory 27*s.* 3*d.*; of the monks of *Thetford* 12*s.*

REEDHAM'S MANOR.

John, son of *Gerard de Reedham*, had a lordship in the 14th of *Edward* I. and *John de Reedham* was returned to be lord in the 9th of *Edward* II. and in the 9th of that King, settled it on *Walter* and *Thomas* his sons. Afterwards it was united to *Wood-Rising* manor. Sir *Guy de Boteturt's* lordship of *Cranworth* also extended herein, and he was returned as lord in the 9th of *Edward* II.

Reedham's probably was what the King held at the survey, and in *Oeseley*, viz. 3 borderers, with 12 acres of land, valued in *Hingham*, and after united to *Woodrising* manor.[8]

The church of *Wood-Rising* is dedicated to St. *Nicholas.* In the reign of *Edward* I. the rector had a manse, with 2 acres, and it was valued at 12 marks. *Peter*-pence 8*d.*

William, 2d Earl *Warren*, granted the patronage of it to the priory of *Lewes*, and a portion of tithe belonged to it, valued at 10*s. per ann.*

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[8] Terra Regis——In Risinga et in Oeselea iii bor. xii ac. t're. et e in p'tio. de Haincham.

The present valor of this rectory is *4l.* 18*s.* 3*d.* and is discharged from first-fruits and tenths.

Roger, son of *William de Woderising*, sued the prior of *Lewes*, in the 8th of *Edward* I. for the right of patronage; the prior pleads that *Roger*, grandfather of the aforesaid *Roger*, gave it by deed to the priory; it appeared that *Richard de Rising* had confirmed the prior's right, in the first of *Richard* I. and *Roger de Rising*, in the time of *Pandolf* Bishop of *Norwich*, and that *Roger*, son of *William*, remitted to *John de Avinion*, the prior all his right.

RECTORS.

John de Walcote occurs rector in the 14th of *Edward* I.

William Lomb occurs rector in the 19th of *Edward* II. and *William* occurs in the 20th of *Edward* III.

1354,[9] *William Palmer*, presented by the prior of *Lewes.*

William de Foston, rector.

1356, *Thomas Blaby. Ditto.*

1358, *William de Foston.*

1361, *Roger de Schevesby.*

1379, *William de Hodington.*

1380, *William Fesaunt.*

1383, *Thomas Dampurday.*

1399, *Nicholas Younge*, occurs rector.

1412, *Thomas Stokys.*

1426, *John Wyche.*

1427, *Thomas Smith.*

1461, *John Brocher.*

1467, *William Scowle. Ditto.*

1481, *John Dunstan.*

1504, *John Skynner.*

1509, *William Rothen*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1514, *John Pomfret.*

1542, *Robert Dobbs*, presented by the Duke of *Norfolk.*

In the 29th of *Henry* VIII. *Robert* the prior, &c. of *Lewes*, granted the patronage by fine to that King, who in the said year, gave it to the Duke, on *December* 22.

1546, *William Roper*, presented by the Duke, and nominated by Sir *Edward Southwell.*

1564, *Henry Tayler*, presented by the Duke, nominated by *Thomas Southwell*, Esq.

1572, *John Poley*, by *John Blenerhasset*, nominated by *Thomas* Lord *Paget.*

1587, *John Gildensleeve*, by *William Dix*, Esq. by lease.

1591, *Christopher Sutton*, A.M. *ditto*, prebend of *Westminster.*[1]

1612, *John Sutton*, by the King, on the minority of *Thomas Southwell*, Esq.

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[9] William de Wichingham and Margaret his wife, Richard de Rising and Isabel his wife, settled it by fine, in the 28th of Edward III. on the prior of Lewes, quit of the heirs, of Margaret and Isabel.

[1] Newcourt's Repert. vol. i. p. 97. In 1603, he returned that there were here 40 communicants.

1629, *William Edwards*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel.*
1665, *Peter Frankland,* by *William Crane,* Esq.
1681, *Samuel Grey,* by *Edward Bedell,* Esq.
1712, *John Watson,* junior, by *George Bedell,* Esq.
1750, *Colby Bullock,* by *Elizabeth Bringloe,* widow, *Elizabeth Burgess,* &c.

In the chancel a gravestone,

In memory of Sir Francis Crane, with his arms, on a wall, party, per bend dexter, *azure* and *or.*

On another,

In memory of Robert, eldest son and heir of Robert Southwell, knight, by Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Charles, Lord Howard, lord admiral of England, who died September 23, 1586.

Also an ancient altar monument of a warrior, in alabaster, deprived now of its brasses, &c.

Here were the lights of St. *Mary* and the *Trinity.*

YAXHAM,

In *Domesday* Book is wrote *Iachesham,* taking its name from its being near to a morass or bog, as *Yaxley* in *Suffolk* and *Huntingdonshire. Roger Bigot,* ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk,* had a grant of a lordship here from the Conqueror, with 30 acres of land, of which *Aldin,* a priest, and a freeman, was deprived; 8 borderers belonged to it, with a carucate of land, &c. 4 acres of meadow valued at 10*s. per ann.*

It was 7 furlongs long, and 5 broad, and paid 20*d.* gelt.[2]

Ralph, son of *Walter,* held it under *Bigot;* the said *Ralph* held also *Wissingset, Shotesham,* and *Watton,* under him.

Roger Bigot held also, soon after the conquest, of the abbot of *Ely,* 14 socmen in this town, with 90 acres of land, 2 carucates and 4 acres of meadow, but at the survey, he held this of the King, and it was then valued at 20*s.* so that it appears both the Conqueror and *Roger,* made no scruple of robbing the church of their possessions.

The family of *De Curzun* or *Curson,* was early enfeoffed of this lordship, which *Ralph de Curzun* was lord of in the first of King *John,* and held of the Earl of *Norfolk.* In the 8th of *Henry* III. *Ralph Picot* granted by fine, a carucate and an half in this town, to *Robert Curcun,* and in the 35th of *Edward* I. *Roger de Curson* held one fee of *Roger Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk.*

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[2] Terra Rogeri Bigoti——In Iachesham tenet Ranulfus f. Galt. xxx ac. t're. q's. tenuit Aldin. p'br. lib. ho. T.R.E. et viii bord. semper i car. silv. v porc. et iiii ac. p'ti. et val. x sol. et ht. vii qr. in long. et vi in lato et xxd. de gelto.——Terra S'ce Adeldrede——In Iachesham xiiii soc. lxxxx ac. semp. ii car. iiii ac. p'ti. val. xx sol. Rog. Bigot ten. de abbe. sed. p. et de rege.

Richard de Thurston, &c. settled it by fine (as trustee) on *Roger de Curzun* and *Beatrix* his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, in the first of *Edward* II. and in the 12th of that King, he had a charter for free warren; one of the same name was lord in the 20th of *Edward* III.

In the 11th of *Richard* II. *Thomas Curson* of *Folsham*, son of *William*, released his right in two parts of this lordship, and those of *Gerberge* and *Gelham*, in *Wode-Norton*, to *William Curson* of *Berford*, and his heirs, and *William Gerberge*, son of Sir *Roger*, granted to *Alice*, widow of Sir *William*, in the 13th of that King, an annuity of 10 marks, out of this manor.

William Gerberge was lord in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *John Curson* is said to hold a 2d part of it in the 2d of *Henry* VI.

In the 11th of *Henry* VI. *Henry Sturmer* and *Catherine* his wife, and *John Docking*, had an interest in it.

In the 15th of that King, *John Crane*, Esq. of *Wodenorton*, and *Alice* his wife, conveyed to Sir *William Oldhall* a moiety of the manor of *Ilneys*, and 2 parts of the manor of *Yaxham*.

Sir *John Curson* of *Billingford*, by his last will, dated *January* 10, in the 11th of *Edward* IV. orders his trustees if they should recover his right in the 3d part of the manor of *Yaxham*, to settle it on *Edward*, his youngest son.

This lordship of *Yaxham* was about this time divided into 4 parts, or manors; first, *Curson's*, sold to *Henry Sturmer*, whose wife sold it to *John Hastings*, who gave it to his son, *Robert*, and Sir *John Curson* claimed a right herein; 2d, *Gerberge's* manor, of which *Hugh Gerberge* was lord; this was divided into two parts, *Crane* held one, and sold it to *Henry Sturmer*, from whom it came to *Hastings*, and *John Docking* had the other part, who sold it to *William Paston*, Esq. 3d, *Ilneys* manor; this was also divided into 2 parts, *Crane* had one, and sold it to *Sturmer*, and he to *Hastings*, and *John Docking* had the other part, who sold it to *Paston*.

John Hastings, son and heir of Sir *Edward*, *John Heydon*, *William Stather*, &c. were querents in a fine, and *Roger Drury* and *Ann* his wife, deforcients, of the manors of *Yaxham*, *Cursons*, *Gerberge*, and *Ilneys*, conveyed to *Stather*, in the 16th of *Edward* IV. from the heirs of *Anne*; she was daughter and heir of *Henry Sturmer*, and had also *Southall* manor in *Geyst*, and that of *Besthorp*, of her own inheritance.

About 1640, ——— *Hardy* was lord; his son, —— *Hardy*, rector of *Elsing*, inherited it, and sold it to *William Murrall*, yeoman, of *Sparham*, lord of it in 1713.

In the reign of *Philip* and *Mary*, it paid 7*s.* *per ann.* to the see of *Norwich*, formerly due to the penitentiary of the abbey of St. *Bennet's* of *Holm*.

Hermerus de Ferrarijs had 4 socmen, which belonged to his predecessor, (with 20 acres of land,) in King *Edward's* reign, a carucate, now half a one, and one acre of meadow, then valued at 4*s.* at the survey at 2*s.*[3]

Hermerus was ancestor of the Lords *Bardolf*, barons of *Wirmegey*.

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[3] Terre Hermeri de Ferrar.—— In Iachesham iiii soc. sui antec. xx ac. terre T. R. E. tc. i car. modo dim. et i ac. p'ti. tc. valet iiii sol. mo. ii.

In the 38th of *Henry* III. the Lord *Bardolf* had a grant of free warren.

In the 9th of *Edward* II. *Robert Atte Haghe* held here, in *Shipdam*, and *Letton*, a quarter of a fee 120 acres of land, with 3 tenants, and a moiety of the *Rode* fee, of the honour of *Wirmegey*, and in the 5th of *Henry* VI. *Robert Fishpool* held the same.

In the 38th of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Richard Southwell* held it, and so came to the *Cranes* and *Claytons*.

Alan Earl of *Richmond*, had 2 socmen, with 24 acres of land, and half a carucate, belonging to his manor of *Costesey*, or *Cossey*, under which it was valued, of which Earl *Guert* was lord in King *Edward's* time.[4]

The Lord of *Cossey* held it in the 41st of *Henry* III. and the *Bardolfs* refused to pay suit of court to the lord of the hundred.

The tenths were 3*l.* 10*s.* Deducted 10*s.*

Temporalities of *Wendling* abbey, 3*s.*

The Church of *Yaxham* is dedicated to St. *Peter*. *William de Wendling* was patron of it in the reign of *Edward* I. and about the same time, Sir *Robert de Curson* the rector had then a manse with 40 acres of land, and was valued at 22 marks. *Peter*-pence 20*d.* the present valor is 10*l.* 9*d.* *ob.* and pays first fruits and tenths.

RECTORS.

Nicholas occurs rector in the 14th of *Edward* I.
1308, *Robert de Curson*, presented by the abbot and convent of *Wendling*.
1313, Mr. *Robert de Houton*, Bishop of *Norwich*, a lapse.
1325, *John de Thirston*. *Ditto.*
1375, Mr. *Thomas de Hedersete.*
1388, *Henry Sturdy*, by *John de Palgrave.*
1391, *John de Norwich*, by the abbot, &c. *ut supra.*
1392, *Roger Panton*. *Ditto.*
1409, *John Roche*. *Ditto.*
1425 Mr. *John Paresson*, licentiate in the canon law.
1429, *William Whytmete*. *Ditto.*
1432, *Henry Martyn*. *Ditto.*
1436, Mr. *John Wygenhale*. *Ditto.*
Mr. *Hugh Acton.*
1455, Mr. *Symon Thornham*, LL.B. *Ditto.*
1456, Mr. *John Smith*. *Ditto.*
1489, Mr. *Henry Falk*, decret. Dr. *Ditto.*
1496, *John Goos*. *Ditto.*
1503, *Edmund Crow*. *Ditto.*
1505, *Richard Rolston.*
1508, *John Brown*. *Ditto.*
1525, *Thomas Taverham*, by the assignees of *ditto.*
1530, *James Womcock*, by the abbot, &c.

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[4] Terre Alani Comitis—In Iachesham ii soc. ej' de' (Guert) xxiiii ac. tre. sep. dim. car. in eodem p'tio.

1533, *William Foster*, by the abbot, &c.

1558, *John Peck*, by Sir *Richard Southwell*, and *Thomas Hogan*, Esq.

1561, *John Maydwell*, by *Bridget Calybut*, widow, and *Thomas Huggen*, Gent.

1585, *John Maydwell*, junior, by *Thomas Hogan*, Esq.; in 1603, he returned 180 communicants.

1649, *Robert Neve*, by *William Crane*, Esq.

George Wright, rector, and on his death, *Edw. Heyhoe*, in 1718, presented by *Thomas Scott*, Gent.

1733, *John Salmon*, by *Edward Heyhoe*, clerk.

1734, *Grigson Heyhoe*, by *ditto*.

Reverend Mr. *Richard Drake*, rector, by *Jermyn Heyhoe*, Gent.

The **Church** has a nave, north and south isle, covered with lead, and a chancel tiled; at the west end of the nave is a round tower, with 5 bells.

Here were the guilds of St. *Peter*, St. *Mary*, and of the *Trinity*; lights of St. *Mary*, St. *Nicholas*, St. *Catherine's*, &c.

In a south window of the chancel, *azure*, fretty, *argent*, on a canton, *gules*, the sun, *or*; *or*, on a bend between three crosier staffs, *gules*, three pales, or bezants, *Wendling* abbey arms. In the windows of the south isle, *gules* on a chevron, *argent*, three torteaux *azure*, three cinquefoils, *or*; also quarterly, *Hastings* and *Foliot*.

In the first year of King *John*, *William* Earl *Warren*, granted by fine, the advowson to *Ralph de Curzun*.

Robert de Curzen conveyed it to *William de Wendling* in the 43d of *Henry* III. who granted it to the priory of *Wendling*.

There were also in this hundred some towns when *Domesday* Book was made, which are now, and have been for some centuries past, destroyed, viz.

Flockthorp, now included in *Hardingham*; *Calveley*, now included in *Reymerston*; also *Thorp*, which is now included in *Shipdam*.

The town of *Bicherston*, or *Boxton*, now an hamlet to *Bernham Broom* in *Fourhou* hundred, is placed in *Domesday* Book in the hundred of *Mitford*, and was part of the invasions of *Hermerus de Ferrarijs*.

“ *In Bicherstuna* i *lib.* viii *ac. comd. tantu' val.* vid.”

Appethorp, part of this town, is placed under the hundred of *Fourhou*, and part in this hundred of *Mitford*, and was of the lordship of *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, and before of Earl *Guert* belonging to his great manor of *Costesey*.

“ *In Appethorp* i *soc. Guert* xxx *ac. t're, sep.* ii *bor. et* i *car. et* iii *ac. p'ti. silva* xv *porc. in eode, p'tio.*

In what town this is now included is uncertain.

Baskeney was also a town in this hundred, belonging to *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*.

“ *In Baskenea* xii *ac. t're.* i *soc. ejusd.* (*Guert.*) *in e'od. p'tio.*

Where this stood is also uncertain.

Ocselea was another town, where, and in *Rising* in this hundred, the Conqueror had 3 borderers, who held 12 acres of land, valued in *Hingham*; where this stood is uncertain.

SMETHDON HUNDRED,

Called in the Book of *Domesday Smetheduna*, and *Metheduna*, that is an hundred with a mixture of meadows and hills. At the survey *Smethdon* contained only the towns of *Hitcham*, *Holm Hunstanton*, *Ingaldesthorp*, *Ringstead Magna* and *Parva*, *Snetesham*, *Sedgford*, *Thornham*, and *Gnatyngdon*;— *Brancaster*, *Stanhow*, *Frenge*, *Sharnburn*, the three *Birchams*, *Berwick Magna* and *Parva*, *Choseley Southmere, and Docking*, making another hundred, called the hundred of *Docking*.

King *William* II. gave it with the hundred and half of *Fredebruge* and *Docking* hundred, and the manor of *Snetesham*, in this hundred, to *William de Albini*, his pincerna, (or butler,) being part of the possessions of *Stigand* the Archbishop of Canterbury, (a great favourite of King *Edward's*) and on his deprivation was granted by the Conqueror to *Odo* Bishop of *Baieux*, his half brother, who, on his rebellion against his nephew, King *William* II. was deprived of it, (as may be seen in *Snetesham*,) and confirmed on *William de Albini*.

The two hundreds were united thus, and in this family and descendents it continued, who were Earls of *Sussex* and *Arundel*. *Issue* male failing in *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel*, *Isabel* his countess was found to hold them in dower, and to have many royal privileges belonging to them, viz. wreck at sea, assise, gallows, return of writs, &c. (except in the liberties of the abbot of *Ramsey*) in the reign of *Henry* III.

On the death of the said Countess, it came to the Lords *Montalt* (of whom see in *Rising*,) by the marriage of *Cecily*, one of the sisters and coheirs of *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel*, &c. aforesaid, with *Roger* Lord *Montalt*. And in the 15th of *Edward* I. *Roger* Lord *Montalt*, his grandson, was lord; and the hundred was found to be worth 12*l*. *per ann*. and to pay 40*s*. *per ann*. quitrent to the Crown, and to have besides the above named privileges, those of infangtheof, &c. view of frank-pledge, weif, &c.

After this, *Robert* Lord *Montalt*, and the Lady *Emma* his wife, (having no issue,) settled it on *Isabel*, Queen Dowager of *England*, in the reign of *Edward* III. and so coming in to the Crown, the said King granted it *June* 25, in his 46th year, to *John* of *Gaunt*, his son, Duke of *Lancaster*, and thereupon was made part of the duchy.

About the year 1700, Mr. *Cobb* was lord of it; and Mr. *Robert Cobb*, conveyed it to *Nicholas Styleman*, Esq. in which family it continues, held, as I take it, of the aforesaid duchy.

The hundred court is said by some to have been kept at a place in the parish of *Bircham Magna,* called the *Barrow,* which is diked round, except 20 yards in the south-east side, for the better ascent; though I find it kept at *Frenge, ao.* 36th of *Henry* VIII.

It is probable, as there were 2 hundreds anciently, *Docking* and *Smethdon,* so there might be two distinct places for them.

BIRCHAM TOFTS.

THIS town occurs at the survey by the name of *Stofstan,* or *Stony Tofts.* One freeman held it under *Stigand* the Archbishop, with 4 carucates of land, in the reign of the Confessor, when there were 2 carucates in demean, &c. 8 villains, and 5 borderers, and was valued with *Snetesham,* his capital lordship; it was one leuca long, and 4 furlongs broad, and paid 10*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt,[1] and on the expulsion of *Stigand,* was granted to *Ode* Bishop of *Baieux,* whom we find to enjoy it with *Snetesham,* at the survey.

Odo rebelling (as has been observed) against King *William* II. forfeited it, and that King granted it to *William de Albini,* his butler, whose posterity enjoyed it; but *Hugh de Albini,* the last heir male of this family, Earl of *Sussex* and *Arundel,* dying without issue, in 1242, on the division of his inheritance, between his 4 sisters and coheirs, this lordship came to *Robert* Lord *Tateshale,* by *Mabel* his wife, the eldest sister.

A family who took their name from this village was early enfeoffed herein. *Roger de Tofts* was lord in the 41st of *Henry* III. and in the 3d of *Edward* I. was found to hold it of *Robert de Tateshale,* as was *Roger de Tofts,* in the 9th of *Edward* II. and *Nicholas de Tofts* settled it in the 17th of the said King, by fine, on *Richard de Tofts* for life; remainder to *Thomas Newton* and *Catherine* his wife.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *Thomas de Brokesburne,* and *Catherine* his wife, appears by the inquisitions to hold 2 parts of a fee; on the death of *Eve* late wife of *Robert* Lord *Tateshale,* she held it in dower; and *in capite,* in the 24th of *Edward* III. and *Adam de Clifton, John de Orreby,* and *Robert,* son of *William Bernack,* were found to be heirs of it.

Sir *Ralph de Poley,* Knt. &c. as trustees, settled it in the 36th of the said King, on Sir *John Vernoun* and *Catherine* his wife, in tail, and on *John* and *Hamon* his sons.

After this, a moiety of this lordship was in *Thomas,* son of *Robert Lovell,* who granted it by fine, in the 9th of *Richard* II. to *Roger*

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[1] Terre Epi. Baiocensis——H. de Dockinge In Storstan iiii car. t're. ten. i lib. ho. sub Stigando T.R.E. ii car. in d'nio. tc. et p. et mo. i semp. viii vill. et v bord. hoc e. in p'tio. de Snetesha' hoc totu' Stofstan ht. i leug. in long. et iiii quar. in lat. et reddit xd. de xx sol. de gelto.

Davy, and *Alice* his wife, who died seized of it, as by the escheat rolls, in the 18th of the said reign.

In the 8th of *Henry* IV. *William Chaffere*, and *Alice* his wife, (probably late widow of *Davy*,) convey it with the advowson of the church; from the heirs of *Alice* it came to Sir *John de Ingaldesthorp*, Knt. Sir *Henry Everard*, *Hamon* and *John L'Estrange*, Esq.

After this, *William Wotton* was lord; and in the 4th of *Henry* VIII. it was settled on Sir *Robert Southwell*, and *Alice* his wife, and their heirs, who in the 6th of the said King, was found to die possessed of it, held of Sir *William Knevet*, by knight's service.

This Sir *Robert Southwell* was of *Woodrising*, *Norfolk*, and master of the rolls; he jointured *Alice*, or Elizabeth, his 2d wife, daughter of Sir *Philip Calthorp*, in 300 acres of land, 10 of meadow, 500 of pasture, 2 of wood, and 5*l.* rent *per ann.* in this town, *South Wotton*, *Bagthorp*, &c. by dying without issue, *Richard Southwell*, son of his brother *Francis Southwell*, was his heir, who was afterwards a knight, and lord in the 38th of *Henry* VIII.

In the 42d of *Elizabeth*, *Richard Southwell*, senior, Esq. conveyed to his son, *Richard*, the reversion of this manor, held by *Thomas Southwell* his brother, for life.

After this, it was in the *Cornwallis's*, and Sir *Charles Cornwallis* was lord in 1603.

In 1626, Sir *Charles le Gross* possessed it, and was held of the hundred of *Smethdon*, and so of the duchy of *Lancaster*, in free soccage; the fines are said to be at the will of the lord, and that no dower belonged to any of the lands held of it.

Tenths 4*l.* 13*s.* Deducted 13*s.* 4*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Andrew*. The rector had in the reign of *Edward* I. a mansion, with 14 acres of land, and was valued at 10 marks, and the prior of *Canterbury* had a portion of tithes valued at 4*s.* *per ann.* The present valor is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and is discharged.

RECTORS.

John occurs rector in the 14th of *Edward* I.

In 1304, *Richard de Toftes* was instituted, on the presentation of *Roger de Toftes*.

1329, *John de Mountpinzon*, by *Thomas Bacoun*.

1349, *Thomas Toket*, by *Katherine Bacoun*.

1375, *John Lakenheath*, by *Fulk Grey*.

1402, *John Wittlesey*, by *Roger Davy*,

1405, *John Grande*, by *William Chaffare*.

1414, *John Persbrygg*, by Sir *John Ingaldesthorp*, on account of an enfeoffment of this manor, made to him by *William Chaffare*, and *Alice* his wife.

1416, *Gilbert Godhead*, by *John Davy*, Esq.

Gilbert Motte.

1438, *Thomas Ade*, by *Thomas Charles*, Esq. in right of his wife.

1454, *John Whyte*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1460, *Richard More*, by *Thomas Charles*, Esq.

1478, *Richard Buttre*, by *Edmund Clere*, and *Elizabeth* his wife.

1486, *James Hawys*, by *Edmund Clere*, &c.
Nicholas Hillington.
1502, *Nicholas Edmunde*, by *James Hobart*, attorney general to the King, and *Simon Clere*, Gent.
1516, *Thomas Banks*, by *Thomas Brooke* Lord *Cobham*, and *Elizabeth* his wife.
1543, *Martin Claxton*, late canon of *Walsingham*, by Sir *Richard Southwell*, Knt.
1558, *Richard Russell*. *Ditto.*
1575, *Marmaduke Cholmeley*, by *Richard Southwell*, Esq.
1595, *Thomas Cobbe*,[2] by the assigns of *ditto.*
1615, *Humf. Tomson*, by Sir *Charles Cornwalleys.*
James Smarthwaite.
1624, *John Cannan*, A. M. by Sir *Charles le Gross.*
1652, *Nicholas Carr.*
1663, *Vinc. Pearse*, S.T.P. by *Augustine Reeve*, Gent.
1673, *Alexander Booty*, by *Thomas Brown* of *Lavenham.*
1717, *Robert Betts*, on the death of *Thomas Carter*. *Ditto.*
1721, *Simon Bagg*. *Ditto.*

In the church were the guilds of St. *John* Baptist, and of St. *Thomas*, and the lights of St. *Andrew*, St. *Bartholomew*, St. *Mary*, of the crucifixion, St. *Catherine*, and St. *Christopher*.

In the church,

Here lyeth Mr. Nicholas Carr, sometime rector of this church.

BIRCHAM NEWTON,

Called in the Book of *Domesday*, *Niwetuna*, or *Newton*, that is not a town now founded, but a town nigh, or contiguous to some water, or river; the additional name of *Bircham* was afterwards made use of to distinguish it from other *Newtons* in this county. *Bircham* signifies a town on the hills; *Ber* or *Bur*, is also the name of a river in *Essex*, as *Bursted*.

Tove, a freeman, was lord of it before the Conquest, but being deprived of it, the Conqueror gave it to *Ralph de Bellofago*, or *Beaufoe*; in *Tove's* time 2 carucates of land, 4 villains, 3 borderers, and 3 servi, belonged to it, &c. there was one carucate in demean, and 4 among the tenants; and 11 freemen held one carucate and an half, with 11 acres and 2 half of land, also 4 carucates among the tenants.

There was a church endowed with 20 acres of land, valued (the land) at 16*d. per ann.* these freemen held under *Eudo*,[3] before it was granted to *Ralph*, and *Stigand* had the soc, valued before the Conquest at 60*s. per ann.* at the survey at 5*l. per ann.*

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[2] In 1603, he certified there were 56 communicants.

[3] This Eudo was probably Eudo de Rie.

The whole was half a leuca in length, and half in breadth, and paid 20*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.[4]

Ralph de Bellofago or *Beaufoe,* left an only daughter, *Agnes,* who on her marriage with *Hubert de Rie,* castellan of *Norwich* castle, brought it into the family. *Hubert de Rie,* a descendant, and probably grandson of the aforesaid *Hubert de Rie,* baron of *Rie,* dying sans issue male, left 2 daughters and coheirs, in the 8th of *Henry* II. who inherited it.

Aliva married *John Marshall,* (nephew of *William Marshall* Earl of *Pembroke,*) whom King *John* made Earl-Marshal of *Ireland:* and *Isabel,* who married first, *Jeffrey de Chester,* and afterwards *Roger de Cressi.*

Hubert de Rie gave it to *William de Kerdeston,* to be held of his barony of *Rie.*

In the 2d of King *John, John Marshall,* and *Aliva,* with *Jeffrey Chester,* and *Isabell* his wife, confirmed it by fine, to *Roger de Kerdeston,* to be held by half a knight's fee, at which time it appears to be called *Newton* only; and *Fulco de Kerdeston,* on the marriage of King *Henry* the Third's sister to the Emperor, held the 4th part of a fee.[5]

William de Kerdeston was lord in the 3d of *Edward* I. and *William de Kerdeston* died seized of it *ao.* 10th of *Edward* II.

Roger de Kerdeston was lord in the same reign; and on his death, in the 11th of *Edward* III. held this town of *Newton,* with *Kerdeston, Claxton, Helgeton, Sistern, Hadiston,* &c. and *William* was his son and heir, aged 30, held then of the manor of *Hokering,* of the Lord *Morley.* Of the family of *Kerdeston,* see in *Claxton, Loddon* hundred.

Sir *Thomas Kerdeston* and *Philippa* his wife, settled it on themselves in tail, in the 24th of *Henry* VI. remainder to *William de la Pole* Duke of *Suffolk,* and *Alice* his wife; and in the 12th of *Henry* VII. *Edmund* Earl of *Suffolk,* by deed, dated *May* 25, granted it, with *Sidesterne,* to the Lady *Elizabeth Robsart,* widow, only daughter and heir of Sir *Thomas,* as I take it, for life, and to *William* her son, and the heirs of the body of Sir *Terry Robsert.*

William Robsert died seized of it *ao.* 8 *Henry* VIII. and *John* was his brother and heir, who in the 4th of *Edward* VI. with *Elizabeth* his wife, conveyed by fine to *George Willoughby* and *James Bigot,* the manor of *Newton,* by *Bircham,* with the advowson of the church, in trust, and died possessed of it in the 1st and 2d of *Philip* and *Mary,* called then Sir *John,* held of the manor of *Cokesford,* leaving *Anne,* his daughter, who married Sir *Robert Dudley,* afterwards the great Earl of *Leicester,* who was lord in her right, which Lady *Anne* came to an unhappy death at *Cumnore* near *Oxford,* by a fall from the stairs, and was buried in St. *Mary's* church in that University.[6]

On the death of *Robert* Earl of *Leicester,* it descended to the

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[4] Terra R. de Bellofago H. de Dochinge——Niwetuna tenuit T. R.E. Tove lib. ho. ii car. t're. sep. iiii vill. et iii bor. tc. iii ser. p. et mo. i tc. i car. in d'nio. p. ii mo. iii tc. et p. iiii car. ho'um. mo. ii et dim. sep. ii r. et x por. tc. cxx ov. mo. DXl hic jacent xi libi. ho'es. i car. t're. et dim. et xi ac. et dim. tc. iiii car. ho'um. mo. ii et dim. i eccla xx ac. val. xvid. Hos libos ho'es habuit Eudo suus antec. Stigand. socam. tc. val. lx sol. p. et mo. c. Totu' ht. dim. leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et reddit xxd. de gelto.

[5] Of the Beaufoes, De Rie, and Marshals, see a large account in Swanton Morley.

[6] Dugd. Bar. vol. ii. p. 222.

Walpoles by the marriage of *Edward Walpole*, Esq. of *Houghton*, with *Lucy*, daughter of Sir *Terry Robsert*, Knt. sister of Sir *John Robsert*, Knt. and aunt to the Lady *Anne Dudley*.

John Walpole, Esq. son and heir of *Edward* aforesaid, by his last will and testament, dated *Febuary* 28, *ao.* 30 of *Elizabeth*, and proved *April* following, gives to his 2d son, *Calybut*, this manor and advowson, after the decease of *Robert* Earl of *Leicester*, which he held for life, and also the foldcourses, which he had of *Roger Townsend* in this town.

It appears that the said *John Walpole*, Esq. being seized of the 3d part of the said manor, and that of *Sidestern*, had enfeoffed *Edward Walpole*, Esq. his eldest son, and *Henry Russell* therein, for the life of *Calybut* his brother, and the said *Edward* being attainted of treason, *May* 26, in the 39th of *Elizabeth*, said to be done at *Rome*, it was forfeited, and granted by the said Queen, *August* 3, *ao.* 39, to *Elizabeth Hussey*, and ——— *Goodman*, who, in *September* following, sold it to *Calybut Walpole* aforesaid.

In this family it still continues, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Orford*, being lord of it.

The tenths were 4*l.* 8*s.* Deducted 1*l.* 8*s.*

The Church is dedicated to *All-Saints*. In the reign of *Edward* I. the rector had a manse, with 50 acres of land.—The rectory then valued at 10 marks. *Peter*-pence, 6*d.*

The present valor is 7*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and is discharged.

RECTORS.

1314, *John Mounpynzoun* instituted, presented by Sir *William de Kerdeston.*

1329, *Thomas de Newton*, by Sir *Roger de Kerdeston.*

1337, *Ralph de Elingham*, by *Maud*, wife of Sir *Roger de Kerdeston.*

1346, *Richard Hervy* by *ditto.*

1361, *Nicholas Hamond*, by *William de Bergh.*

1379, *Robert de Helgay*, by Sir *William de Kerdeston.*

1391, *John Fuller*, by *Cecilia*, relict of Sir *William Kerdeston.*

1398, *William de Lenn. Ditto.*

1398, *John Boram. Ditto.*

Ralph Pyot.

1414, *John Blome*, by Sir *Leonard de Kerdeston.*

1421, *Thomas Ketyll*, by Sir *Thomas Kerdeston*, Knt.

Thomas Bunch.

1438, *Roger Sowlere. Ditto.*

1440, *Gilbert Brown. Ditto.*

1452, *John Malton*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1456, *Edmund Watts. Ditto.*

1500, *William Lermouth*, by *John Eston*, Gent. in right of his wife, *Elizabeth.*

1546, *David Moresby*, by *John Robsart*, Esq.

1554, *Thomas Angier*, by *Elizabeth*, relict of Sir *John Robsart*, Knt.

1556, *John Jake. Ditto.*

1561, *John Balkey*, by *Robert* Lord *Dudley.*

1573, *Christopher Watson*, by the Queen.

1573, *Adam Rawstorn*, by the Earl of *Leicester;* he certified in 1603, that there were 35 communicants.

Giles King.[7]

1625, *John Stuer*, by *Calibut Walpole*, Esq.

1669, *John Stears*, by Sir *Edward Barkham*, Bart.

1679, *Thomas Carter. Ditto.*

1719, *Simon Bagg*, on *Robert Bett's* resignation, by *Robert Walpole*, Esq.

In this church were the lights of *All-Saints*, and of St. *Mary*.

BIRCHAM MAGNA.

William de Scohies was lord at the survey, and *Robert de Ebrois* held it under him; it consisted of several tenures; *Bern* held of King *Edward* one carucate with one villain, and 2 borderers, and there was half a carucate amongst the tenants, or men; this was valued at 10*s.* and a church then belonged to it, endowed with 4 acres.

Tor, a freeman, in King *Edward's* time, under *Stigand*, had 4 carucates of land, 2 in demean, and 2 were amongst the men; there were 14 villains then, and a borderer, valued at 40*s.* but at the survey at 4*l. per ann. Stigand*, had the soc; also 3 freemen held 85 acres then, and 2 carucates, with 2 borderers, and a freeman, with 30 acres. *Brunard* holds 30 acres, or 2 oxgangs. This was valued at 12*s.*

Rafrid held these freemen, but now they are held of the King, because there was no one who had a just claim to them.

Rafrid was a *Norman*, and had quitted it, not having a legal title. The whole was one leuca long, and one broad, whoever was lord of it, and paid 27*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.[8]

William de Schoies or *Escoes*, sold this lordship, with many others, in the reign of *Henry* I. to *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Buckingham:* he had a large share of the Conqueror's favours in this county, and held as we learn from the Book of *Domesday*, lordships in *Islington*, *Clenchwarton*, *Middleton*, *Rungton*, *Geyton*, and *Massingham*, in *Freebridge* hundred; *Bircham* in *Doching* hundred, and *Ringsted* in *Smethdon* hundred;—*Wilby* and *Buckenham* in *Shropham* hundred;—*Banham*, *Keninghale*, and *Herling*, in *Gilcross* hundred;—*Letton* in *Mitford* hundred;— *Creak,* in *Gallow* hundred;— *Sheringham, Salthouse, Repps, Beston,* and *Runton* in *North Erpingham* hundred;—*Reedham, Berningham, Panxford,* and *Fishley,* in *Walessam* hundred;— *Limp'ho, Berningham, Plumstede,* and *Sowood* in *Blofield* hundred;—*Winterton* and *Ashby,* in *West Flegg* hundred;—*Brant,* in *Lothing* hundred;— *Witchingham,* and *Weston* in *Einsforde* hundred;—*Attleburgh,* in *Taverham* hundred;—*Corpusty* in *South Erpingham* hundred;—*Paston,* in *Tunstead* hundred;—*Stokesby,* in *East Flegg* hundred;— *Colney,* in *Humbleyard* hundred;— *Tasburgh,* in *Deepwade* hundred, and *Thurverton,* in *Clavering* hundred.

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[7] Giles King compounded for first-fruits, in 1621.

[8] Terra Willi. de Scohies—Doching hd. Brecham ten. Bern sub Edvardo Rege i car. t're. modo tenet R. de Ebrois tc. i car. p. nulla mo i sep. i vill. et ii bor. dim. car. ho'um et val. x sol. i eccla iiii ac. In eade' ten. lib. ho. Tor. T. R. E. sub Stigando iiii car. t're tc. ii car. in d'nio et mo. tc. et p. ii car. hom. mo. i tc. et p. xiiii villi. mo. ii sep. i bor. tc. val. xl. sol. mo. iiii lib. Stigand habuit soca, et iii libi. ho'es. ten. idem lxxxv ac. t're. T. R. E. tc. ii car. et p. et mo. i tc ii bor. et i lib. ho. xxx ac. t're. Brunardus tenet sep. ii bov. totu' val. xii sol. Rafrid. tenuit hos ho'es et mo. sunt in manu regis quia non fuit q:rationarat. tota ht. i leug. in l. et i leug. in lat. quicunq; ibi teneat, et reddit xxviid. de xx sol. de gelto.

Walter Giffard was Earl of *Buckingham,* and succeeded by a son of his own name, who dying without issue, in the reign of *Henry* II. his great inheritance was divided amongst his sisters and coheirs, one of whom, *Rohais,* brought this lordship to *Richard Fitz-Gilbert,* ancestor to the noble family of the Earls of *Clare.*

The family of *De Brecham* being enfeoffed herein, took their name from it, according to the custom of that age; *Ralph de Brecham* being lord in the time of *Richard* I. and in the 3d of King *John, Richard de Brecham* was sued by the bailiff of the Earl of *Arundel,* for suit of court, due for lands here to his hundred-court of *Smethdon,* as was one of the said name, by *Catherine de Titchwell,* as guardian to the heir of *Gilbert de Titchwell,* for certain customs and services due for lands in this town, and *Hunestanton,* in the 34th of *Henry* III.

This *Richard* was son probably of *Richard de Brecham,* who was found to hold it in the 3d of the said King, of the honour of *Clare.*

In the 41st of the said King, *Alan de Meysy* impleaded *Nicholas de Brecham* for 2 parts, and *Maud,* relict of *Richard de Brecham,* for her 3d part in this church; and in the 52d of that King, it is said that *Alan* could not recover seisen against *Nicholas de Brecham,* till he had granted to *Roger* of the Exchequer, the said advowson.

After this, the *Wesenhams* claimed a right, and in the 14th of *Edward* I. an assise was brought to enquire if *Giles de Wesenham,* father of *John,* was seized in demean and fee, of lands in *Brecham St. Mary,* which *John,* son of *Robert de Brecham,* holds.

Gilbert de Clare Earl of *Clare,* on his marriage with *Joan,* daughter of King *Edward* I. granted it *May* 27, to the said King, *ao.* 18, with *Walsingham, Wiveton, Crimplesham,* &c. who regranted it to the said Earl, and his Lady *Joane,* and their heirs, the said Earl holding it *in capite.*

Gilbert their son and heir, being slain at the battle of *Bannocksburne* in *Scotland, ao.* 7th of *Edward* II. and having no issue, it was assigned to *Elizabeth de Burgh,* wife of *John de Burgh,* son and heir of *Richard* Earl of *Ulster.*

About this time, *Edmund Tyb* held here and in *Ringstead,* the fourth part of a fee of the honour of *Clare.*

In the family of the *Burghs* it remained, till *Lionel* Duke of *Clarence* by the marriage of *Elizabeth,* daughter and heir of *William de Burgh* Earl of *Ulster,* became lord of it; who leaving an only daughter and heir, *Philippa,* married to *Edmund Mortimer* Earl of *March,* he was lord of it in her right; and *Edmund Mortimer* Earl of *March,* dying seized of it in the 3d of *Henry* VI. *Richard Plantaginet* Duke of *York,* son of *Anne* his sister, was found to be his cousin and next heir, from whom it descended to his son, King *Edward* IV.

After this, *Elizabeth*, (*Henry* the Seventh's Queen,) *Anne*, wife of *Thomas Howard* Earl of *Surry*, and *Catherine*, wife of *William de Courtney* Earl of *Devonshire*, 3 of the surviving daughters and coheirs of the said King, had an interest herein; and the said *Anne* and *Catherine*, conveying their right to King *Henry* VIII. son of the eldest sister, *Elizabeth*, in his 3d year, the whole was vested in him, who settled it on his Queen, in part of her jointure.

On *December* 20, in the 1st and 2d of *Philip* and *Mary*, it was granted to *Thomas Woodhouse*. and *Thomas Ranowe*, and their heirs, with the advowson, excepting the bells and lead, to be held *in capite* by the 60th part of a fee, in consideration of 193*l*. 5*s*. 5*d*.

After this, it was in *John Darcy* and *Thomas Audley*; and in the 43d of *Elizabeth*, *John Young*, and *William* his son and heir, sold to *Thomas Southwell*, Esq. for 260*l*. the moiety of a foldcourse, called *Legg's*.

About the said time, it appears that *Southwell* held another foldcourse, called *Bylaugh's*, with a farm, and was patron of the church, and as such, lord also of the manor.

In *Trinity* term, *ao*. 13th of *James* I. *Henry Southwell* conveyed it by fine, to *Henry Davy*, and *Christopher Herne*.

After this, it was possessed by several lords, who had the patronage, and conveyed to *Robert Walpole*, Esq. who presented in 1705, and the Earl of *Orford* is the present lord and patron.

Tenths 3*l*. 10*s*. Deducted 1*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

Besides the lordship abovementioned, *Ralph de Bellofago*, lord of *Newton Bircham*, had also one in this town, held by *Fradre*, a *Saxon* thane of King *Edward* I. consisting of 3 carucates of land, 5 villains, and 4 borderers, 2 carucates in demean, with 2 and a half amongst the men; and 2 freemen had 2 acres, valued in *Fradere's* time at 2*s*. at the survey at 20*s*.; it was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 27*d*. gelt.

This had at all times the same lords, and passed as an appendix to the manor of *Newton Bircham*, so that what has been observed of that manor, equally belongs to this, to which I refer the reader.

Concealed lands granted *ao*. 16th *Elizabeth*, *April* 10, to *Edward Dyer*, and *Hugh Cressener*, in the tenure of *Thomas Baxtere*.

The Church is dedicated to St. *Mary*. The rector had a manse with 30 acres, in *Edward* the First's time, and was valued at 32 marks. The prior of *Norwich* had a portion of tithe, valued at 4*s*. *Peter*-pence 2*d*. *ob*. The present valor is 22*l*. and pays tenths, &c.

In the nave on a brass plate,

Orate p. a'i'a. Edithe Cook quond. uxor. Magri. Johs. Wollis notarij.

RECTORS.

1304, *Leon. de Beauchamp*, instituted, presented by *Ralph de Monthermer*, Earl of *Gloucester*, &c.

1310, *Hugh de Lavington*, by *Gilbert de Clare*, Earl of *Gloucester*, &c.

1310, *Richard de Estdene*. *Ditto*.

1322, *Richard de Wyrecestre*, by the King, in possession of the lands of *Roger Damary*, a rebel.

1327, Mr. *William de Brompton*, by *Roger de Brecham*,

In 1337, King *Edward* III. granted license to his cousin, *Elizabeth de Burgo*, to give the patronage of this church, and appropriate it to the dean and chapter of St. *Paul's* in *London*, but it had no effect.

1344, Mr. *William Bures*, by the Lady *Elizabeth de Burgh*, Countess of *Clare*.

1357, *William de Berkway*, *ditto*: buried in the chancel.

1391, *William Lane*, by the King, in right of the Earldom of *March*.

1402, *Walter Mably*, by *ditto*.

1407, *Thomas Libourne*, by the King, in the minority of the Earl of *Marche*.

1408, *Robert Hethe*, by *ditto*.

1434, *Thomas Feltham*, by *Richard* Duke of *York*, Earl of *March*.

1481, *Robert Calton*, S.T.P.

1501, *John Thompson*, by the King.

1506, *William Hickman*, abbot of *Stratford Langthorn*, (in *Essex*,) by the King.

1516, Mr. *James Mallet*, S.T.B. by the Queen.

1522, *John Wetwode*. *Ditto*.

1543, *Thomas Thaxton*, by the King.

1551, *Lanc. Thexton*, prebend of *Norwich*. *Ditto*.

1555, *William Holden*, by Sir *Thomas Wodehouse*, Knt. and *Thomas Rannow*, Gent.

Thomas Carr.

1568, *John Babkey*, by *Thomas Southwell*, Esq.

1573, *Robert Gray*. *Ditto*.

1583, *Alexander Rawlyns*,[2] by the Queen.

1608, *John Hassell*, by *John Jay*, Esq. afterwards dean of *Norwich*.

1639, *Samuel Booty*, by *Richard Parmenter*, alderman of *Norwich*.

1670, *John Steares*, by *Thomas Bacon*, Esq. and *Nicholas Styleman*, Esq.

1672, *Alexander Booty*, by *Thomas Bacon*, Esq.

1705, *Henry Bland*, by *Robert Walpole*, Esq.

Henry Bland. D.D. resigned in 1744.

1744, *Hor. Hammond*, rector, 1765, (prebend of *Bristol*,) by the Earl of *Orford*.

In this church were the lights of St. *Mary*, the crucifix, St. *Saviour*, St. *Anthony*, St. *Mary* Magdalen, of the crucifix at the door of the church, St. *Christopher*, St. *John*, and St. *James*, St. *Katherine*, and St. *Margaret*, St. *Thomas* and St. *Nicholas*, St. *Ann*, St. *Mary le Pity*, St. *Peter*, St. *Leodegarius*, and St. *Giles*, St. *Erasmus*, St. *Edith*, and the Holy *Trinity*.

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[2] In 1603, he certified that there were 190 communicants.

MAGNA BERWICK

MANOR, OR IN THE BRAKES.

This principal manor here was held by the King, who was lord of it at the survey, and by a freeman, before the conquest, who had 260 sheep, 11 swine, 2 cows, 5 runci, or horses, with a carucate of land. This, together with *Southmere* and *Titchwell* manor, then also possessed by the Conqueror, was valued before the conquest at 7*l.* and at the time of the survey at 30*l. per ann.* and 4 socmen in King *Edward's* time held 4 acres of land; but after the conquest, and after *Roger* received this manor, and held it of the King, *Brom*, the steward, or bailiff of *Roger Bigot*, took them away from it, and *Roger* has them now, and one socman with 60 acres, or half a carucate.[3]

This, as I conceive, remained in *Bigot*, till granted by King *William* II. to *William de Albini*, ancestor of the Earls of *Essex* and *Arundel*, of that name; this in a great measure appears from the grant of *Richard*, son of *Robert de Scenges*, of the church of St. *Mary*, of (this town) *Berwick*, to the priory of *Bokenham*[4] (founded by *William de Albini* aforesaid) in the reign of King *Henry* II. and then confirmed to that house, by *William de Albini* Earl of *Sussex* and *Arundel*, then capital lord of the feee, of whom *Richard* then held it.

After this it came to the *Calthorps*, who were lords in the reign of King *Henry* III. and held it in *Edward* the First's time, of the Lord *Tateshale*, who inherited it by the marriage of an heiress of the Earl of *Arundel* and *Sussex*.

William de Calthorp held in the 20th of *Edward* III. the fourth part of a fee here, and in *Bermere*, of the heirs of *Tateshale*, which *Reginald de Calthorp*, and *Richard* his brother formerly held.

At the same time, *Roger Ive* of *Berwick*, and his parceners, held the 4th part of a fee, which *Ivo de Berwick* formerly held.

From the *Calthorps* it descended to the *Parkers*; and Sir *William Parker* was lord in the 3d of *Edw.* VI. by the marriage of *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Philip Calthorp*; and Sir *Philip Parker* was lord in the 32d of *Elizabeth*.

After this it came to the *Townsends*, Sir *John Townsend* dying seized of it in the year 1603, as did Sir *Roger Townsend* in $163\frac{6}{7}$.

From this family it came to Sir ——— *Chaplain*, Bart. and Mr. *Robert Glover* was lord in 1757.

Berwick may be derived from *Ber*, as aforesaid, and *Wick*, a turn of a river or stream.

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[3] H. de Dochinge———Terra Regis ——In bereuuita cclx ov. et xi por. et ii an. et v r. et i car. t're. qd. ten. i lib. ho. T.R.E. hoc totu' val. tc. vii lib. p. xx mo. xxx et iiii soc. iiii ac. t're. T.R. E. qd. p'. qua' rex venit et p. q. Rog. hoc. man. recep. Brum p'posit R. Bigot tulit de hoc manerio, et mo. tenet Rog. et i soc. lx ac. dim. car.

[4] Mon. Angl. vol. ii. p. 274.

BUCKENHAM PRIORY MANOR.

Besides the church of *Berwick*, given by *Richard de Scenges*, *Hugh de Albini*, Earl of *Arundel*, gave to this house a messuage, and a windmill; what other benefactions they had here does not appear. Their temporalities in 1428, were valued in this town at 67*s. per ann.*

This, with the rectory appropriated to the convent, its lands and tenements, with the advowson of the vicarage, was granted by King *Henry* VIII. in his 35th year, *December* 3, to *Robert Townsend*, serjeant at law, and *Gyles Townsend*, Esq. and they granted it to their elder brother, Sir *Roger Townsend*, *December* 10 following, having the King's license *December* 5. Sir *Roger* died possessed of it in 1552; and Sir *Roger Townsend*, Bart. was found at his death, in 1637, seized of the manor of *Buckenham* in *Berwick*.

In this town was also the manor of *Curson's*, or *Thursbie's*, but this I take to belong to the manor of *Stanhow*, that extended here, and I shall there treat of it.

The tenths were 3*l.* 10*s*. Deducted 10*s*.

BERWICK PARVA.

WILLIAM Earl WARREN had a manor in *Berwick*, which I take to be what is now called *Little Barwick*, and was held by *Simon* under that Earl; two freemen had been ejected at the conquest; one of them held under *Herold*, the King, and the other was only under the protection of *Frederic's* predecessor; to this there belonged a carucate of land, and 12 borderers, a carucate and an half amongst the men, &c. the moiety of a church with 10 acres, and one freeman was only under protection, with 60 acres of land, and 2 borderers, with half a carucate, valued in King *Edward's* time at 15*s*. at the survey at 20*s*.[5]

In the reign of *Henry* III. *Alexander de Ringstede* held the fourth part of a fee of the Earl *Warwick*, in *Berwick*.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Adam Ryely* held it of the manor of *Castleacre*.

It is anciently said to have a church, and was a parish.

In 1701, *Anne Oatley*, *Anne* and *Elizabeth Sherwyn*, had an interest in it, and presented to the church.

The church of *Berwick Magna* was anciently a rectory, but appropriated to the priory of *Bokenham,* in or about 1177, and a vicarage was settled. The rector had a manse with 20 acres, and was valued at 9 marks; the vicarage at 40*s.* and had a manse, but no land. *Peter*-pence 6*d. ob.*

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[5] H. de Dochinge, t're. Willi. de Warrenna—Simon tenet Beruuita, ii lib. ho'es. un. fuit ho. Heroldi, et alt. comd. tantu' antec. Fredrici qui h'nt. i car. t're. semp. xii bord. semp. i car. et dim. i car. hominu' semp. i runc. tnc. xxx ovs. modo clx dim. ecclie x ac. et i lib. ho. comd. tantu' lx ac. t're. et ii bord. sep. dim. car. tc. val. xv sol. mo. xx.

The present valor is 6*l.*

VICARS.

1304, *Adam de Ocle* instituted vicar, presented by the prior and convent of *Bokenham.*

1306, *Gerv. de Bereford.* Ditto.
Roger de Brom.
1332, *John Porter.* Ditto.
1361, *John Atte Green.* Ditto.
1396, *Hugh Good.* Ditto.
1404, *John Scot.* Ditto.
1416, *John Carter.* Ditto.
1416, *John Northill.* Ditto.
1419, *William Ropere* Ditto.
1428, *John Barker.* Ditto.
1434, *John Crakeshild.* Ditto.
John Hooker, buried in the chancel, 1448.
1448, *Edmund Tilney.* Ditto.
1469, *Robert Eleynd,* by the Bishop, a lapse.
1478, *John Gardiner,* by the prior, &c.
1490, *William Snethe.* Ditto.
1493, *William Lovell.* Ditto.
1494, *Robert Glaswryght.* Ditto.
1500, *Thomas Barnsdale.* Ditto.
1512, *Richard Hecker.*
John Aleyn, occurs in 1555.
1574, *William Blower,* by the Queen.
1581, *James Becher.* Ditto.
1583, *Christopher Lowcock,* by *Roger Townsend,* Esq.
1587, *William Armisted,* by the assigns of *Roger Townsend.*
1599, *Humf. Thompson,* by *John Townsend.*
William Watts occurs in 1627.
1701, *Robert Hill,* by *Anne Ottley, Ann* and *Elizabeth Sherwyn.*
1760, *John Glen King,* by the King.

In 1511, it was proposed and brought into the Bishop of *Norwich's* court, to unite for ever this vicarage to the rectory of *Stanhow,* on account of its meanness and poverty, there being then only one parishioner (as it is said) living therein, and the rector of *Stanhow* was to have all the great and small tithes and profits of the said vicarage, paying yearly a pension of 40*s.* to the priory of *Bokenham,* at the feast of St. *Michael,* but it took no effect.

BRANCASTER,

CALLED *Brannodunum* by the *Romans*, who had a famous station and castle here, and taking its name from the *British* word *Bran*, or *Bron*, signifying a Front or Head,[6] joining to the great *German* ocean on the north side, and on the south on an extensive field or heath; the castle and encampment took up about 8 acres of ground, now a ploughed close, westward of the church and town; the ditch is visible in many parts, and was also walled in, many stones yet appearing on the north side; and standing on a rising ground, at the head of the sea marsh, has an extensive view and prospect.

Many parts of its walls were carried away, and used on the foundation of the great malt-house (some years past) in the town, and are said to have been 9 feet thick.

It is an oblong square, longer east and west, than north and south, on which last side of the road to the town, and to *Barnham* runs.

It is said to have been erected by the *Romans*, for the defence of this coast against the invasions of the *Saxons*, and the care and charge of it was committed to a very eminent commander, who was styled the Count, or Earl of the *Saxon* coast, who had under him a captain of the *Dalmatian* horse, here quartered to guard and defend it. Sir *Henry Spelman* makes a *quere* how it came, and at what time, to be first called the *Saxon-Coast*, (as it is termed in the *Notitia Imperii,)* by the *Romans*, since they (as far as he had seen) were never in their time and reign here, invaded, or disturbed by the *Saxons*, the *Romans* leaving *Britain* (as he places it) in 446, in the time of *Valentinian* III. when the *Britains* desiring assistance from them against the *Scots* and *Picts*, and finding none, they applied to the *Saxons*, who with difficulty were persuaded to assist them in 449.

It may not be improper to observe here, that the *Saxon Chronicle*[7] places the departure of the *Romans* out of *Britain* in 435, and the *Britains* sending to them for succour against the *Picts*, in 443, and on their omission, they applied in the said year to the *Angli* or *Saxons*.

To answer the abovementioned quere or difficulty, the aforesaid learned gentleman observes, that the *Notitia Imperij* was not composed till about the end of the reign of *Valentinian* III. which was in 455, and that from the year 449, when the *Saxons* came over, to the year 455, many of their forces frequently arriving, it on that account obtained the name of the *Saxon Coast* or *Shore*, over which, in the time of the *Britains*, the *Romans* had an officer called the Count of the Maritime Tract, about the year 370, according to *Marcelinus*.

The great antiquary *Selden* justly observes,[8] that this *Roman* Count or Earl of the *Saxon shore*, was an admiral, and placed against the maritime incursions of the *Saxons*, or those of the west part of *Ger-*

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[6] Glossar. Baxteri, p. 45.—Spelman. Icenia, p. 147, &c.

[7] Chron. Saxon.

[8] Selden's Titles of Honour, p. 326.

many, that were known most commonly by that name, the *Saxons;* and had for his ensign 9 maritime towns, placed (as the heralds term it) *barways* or *barry*.

One of which was this, *Brannodunum*, in the form of a castle, with lofty walls, &c. and near to these the sea is represented, showing it to be a maritime charge, or government; and in a dexter canton of the said ensign, was a book clasped, and thereon these capital letters, F.L. INTALL. COMORD. PR. which *Pancirollus* in his notes on the *Notitia* interprets thus,

Fœlix liber injunctus notarijs Laterculi continens mandata principis or *primicerij*, who was the master or president of the clerks of the crown; and by this book a parchment rolled up.

This *Comes* had several prefects or commanders under him, both of the horse and foot; the number of horse is said to be 200, and 2200 foot; the *Dalmatian* troop is chiefly mentioned to be stationed here, but no doubt a proportionable body of foot was also here in garrison.

It is said about a century past, many fragments of various sorts of earthen ware were found here; and Sir *Henry Spelman* observes that in his time, coins were often found, and some had been brought to him, with two little brass pots, &c.; but of late years, nothing curious has been met with, as far as I can find.

I have seen a silver coin about the size of a sixpence; on one side a *Janus Bifrons*, reverse obscure, seemingly a trophy, &c.

One of copper, the size of a shilling, with the head of *Claudius*, and TI. CLAVDIVS. CAES. AVG. - - - - - reverse obscure. A gladiator naked, in his left hand a shield, and the right uplifted.

Wulfgiva, wife of *Alwin*, Duke of the *East-Angles*, gave this town to the abbey of *Ramsey*, founded by the said nobleman in 969.[9] King *Edgar* confirmed the said gift, with many privileges, as did *Edward* the Confessor, together with the soc and sac, &c. by his grant dated at *Windsor*, on *Wednesday* in *Easter*-week, to which *Edgitha* his Queen, the Earls *Godwin* and *Harold*, *Esgar Stalre*, and *Hugoline* his chamberlain, were witnesses.

William the Conqueror, and *William* his son, confirmed all the said privileges, as appears by his charter.

Also *Henry* I. who was actually at this town, in or about 1115; and the grant of the fair of St. *Ives*, in *Huntingdonshire*, to the abbot of *Ramsey*, is here dated.

At the grand survey we find it to be the lordship of the abbot of St. *Bennet* of *Ramsey*, when there were 3 carucates in demean, and 7 amongst the tenants or men, 25 villains, 16 borderers, and 5 servi, with 2 acres of meadow, and a mill, 5 borderers, with 6 acres and 60 of land, which always belonged to the demean, 2 runci, 6 cows, and 24 swine, with 600 sheep.

The whole then valued at 10*l*. *per ann.* and was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 28*d*. gelt.[1]

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[9] Regist. Abbat. de Ramsey. She is said to have given it for the lining of the monks garments with fur.

[1] Hun. de Dochinga —— Terra S'ci. Benedicti de Rameseia——— Brocestra ten. sep. S.B. iii car. in d'nio. et vii car. hom. xxv vill. xvi bor. v ser. ii ac. p'ti. i mol. v bor. vi ac. et lx ac. t're. que sep. s't in d'nio. ii runc. vi animal. xxiiii por. DC ov. totu val. x lib. totu' ht. i leu in lon. et dim. in lat. et xxviiid. de g.

In the 35th of *Henry* III. the abbot had a charter of free warren in his demean lands; and in the 52d of the said King, felons goods here allowed him; in the 3d of *Edward* I. wreck at sea here, in *Ringsted Magna* and *Holm*, assise of bread and beer, a gallows, weif, &c. by the grant of King *Edgar*; and it was found that his predecessors and he had, and used to have, in the same villages, certain courts belonging to the port, called *Halne-Courts*, or *Haven-Courts*, held at the pleasure of the abbot, wherein matters in relation to their haven were determined; and in the 7th of *Edward* II. the abbot claimed a whale, cast on shore, as a wreck.

In the 43d of *Edward* III. he was impleaded by a process out of the Exchequer, by what right he held 60 acres of marsh here, without the King's license; he answered, as lord of the manor, and that there was a marsh sometimes bigger and less, by the flowing of the seas, and that he did not appropriate it to himself.

The temporalities of this abbey were valued in 1428 at 46*l.* 13*s. per ann.* and at the general dissolution it was granted to Sir *Richard Southwell*, *May* 5, in the 37th of *Henry* VIII. when it appears that he had court baron, court lete, the advowson of the church, free warren, wreck at sea, a court of admiralty, escheats, reliefs, waifs and strays, felons goods, and outlaws, a free port to the sea, &c. privileges belonging to this lordship.

From the *Southwells* it came to Sir *Charles Cornwallis*, who presented to this church in 1603.

In the 20th of *James* I. *May* 20, Sir *William Fitch*, knight, &c. conveyed it to Sir *Ralph Hare*, of *Stow Bardolf*, Knt. with lands in *Titchwell*, *Docking*, &c. and Sir *John Hare* died seized of it in 1637, and was patron, and of a pension of 13*s*. 4*d*. out of the rectory formerly belonging to the sacrist of *Ramsey-Abbey*.

From the *Hares* it came to the *Berkleys*.

Norborne Berkley is the present lord and patron; he was member of parliament for *Gloucestershire*, lord lieutenant, and custos rotulorum of *Gloucestershire*, and the city of *Bristol*, keeper of the forest of *Dean*, &c. and created Lord *Botetourt*.

There was an ancient family of dignity who assumed their name from this place. *John de Brancastre*, was vice chancellor of *England*, as appears from a patent of King *Richard* I. of lands granted to *William Briwere*, at *Chimay* in *France*, dated *March* 12, in the 10th of that King; probably the said *John*, who was archdeacon of *Worcester*, who signed *July* 15, *ao.* 4th of King *John*, his grant to the abbey of St. *Augustine*, *Canterbury*.

Herbert de Brancaster held lands here of the abbot by knight's service, with one messuage, and 90 acres; and *Agnes* his widow was living in the 34th of *Henry* III. *Ralph de Brancaster*, son of *Herbert*, was living in the 52d of the said King, and was impleaded for not being a knight; also *Thomas de Brancaster* held lands in the said reign; and one of the same name, in the 2d of King *John*, had a grant of that King, of a prebend in the free chapel of *Walingford*.

Adam, (son of Sir *John de Brancastre*) and *Emme* his wife, had a grant of lands and tenements here, to them and their heirs, in name of a dower, from *Agnes*, relict of *Herbert de Brancastre* aforesaid, for providing bread and corn and barley, for the house of *Adam* at *Brancastre*; and the said *Adam* was impleaded in the 3d of *Edward* I. for not being a knight, as he ought to have been, by law, as appears by the inquisitions.

In this town is a very remarkable malthouse, 312 feet long, and 31 broad, wherein are steeped weekly, in the season, 420 quarters of barley, useful and beautiful in its structure and contrivance of its offices, and close to a key or stathe for ships, erected at the charge and design of its late owner, Mr. *John Thurlow.*

The tenths of the town were 8*l.* 4*s.*

A free-school here in the gift of Sir *Henry L'Estrange,* about 24*l. per ann.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to the Virgin *Mary,* and consists of a nave, a north and south isle, with a chancel; the church, &c. covered with lead, but the chancel is tiled; at the west end stands a large square tower embattled, with four bells and a clock.

In the chancel east window, are the arms of *Hare,* and on a gravestone with a brass plate,

Orate p. a'i'a. Magri. Willi. Collyng or *Coling, quonda' rectoris istius ecclie, qui hic nunc in pulvere dormit expectans adventum redemptoris sui, qui obt.* 1480.

In the middle isle lie several stones with brass plates.

Hic jacet Jacob. Habbys qu'dá rector istius ecclie qi. obijt. Ao. Dni. M. VC. XIX.

An epitaph in very rude old *English* verse, *In memory of Robert Smithe,* who built a free school, and 2 alms-houses, and intended to have endowed the same, but dying suddenly in this town, *Elizabeth* his sister, gave 92 acres for the support of the same, for ever; he died *June* 13, *ao.* 38th of *Elizabeth.*

Sub spe resurrectionis hic quiescit Gulielmus Tayler, mercator, qui obt. 29 *Aprilis, Ao. Dni.* 1641.

One,

In memory of Vowel Arford, widow of Thomas Arford of Lynn, merchant, and daughter of Toby Pedder of Hunstanton, Esq. who died September 16, 1705.

Another for

Winifred Smith, of Plymouth, wife of Capt. Thomas Smith, who died September 17, 1704.

The church was anciently valued at 26 marks. The abbot of *Ramsey* had a portion of tithes out of this rectory, valued at 40*s. per ann.* the prior of *Stoke* one valued at 40*s.* and the sacrist of *Ramsey,* one of a mark *per ann.* The present valor is 24*l.* and pays first fruits and tenths.

In the 9th of King *John, John de Brancaster,* archdeacon of *Worcester,* obtained on the request of *Richard Rusti,* the rector, the King's letters, for a vicar under him, saving to the said *Richard* an annual pension of 2 bezants, the abbey of *Ramsey* being then void. *Peter*-pence was 11*d.*

RECTORS.

Mr. *John de Braybrook*, occurs rector in 1325.
1349, *Richard de Bury*, instituted presented by the King, the abbey of *Ramsey* being void.
1350, *John South*, by the abbot and convent of *Ramsey*.
1382, Mr. *Peter Godard*. *Ditto*.
1399, *Thomas Fykes*, by *Peter Bakere*, clerk, on account of his farm.
1404, *Thomas Marton*. *Ditto*.
1408, *John Burgate*. *Ditto*.
1420, *William Brewster*. *Ditto*.
1429, *John Fitz-Edward*. *Ditto*.
1434, *Thomas Pulter*. *Ditto*.
1457, *William Coling*. *Ditto*.
1485, Mr. *John Welles*, Decret. Bacc. *Ditto*.
1520, Mr. *Richard Roberts*, by their assignee, the Duke of *Norfolk*.
1521, *John Emotts*.
1543, Mr. *Richard Palmer*. *Ditto*.
1557, *Thomas Clayton*, by Sir *Richard Southwell*.
1569, *Philip Blunt*, by *Richard Southwell*, Esq.
1592, *John Wyborow*, by *Richard Southwell*, and *Thomas* his son and heir.
John Hassell, D.D. occurs rector 1608, dean of *Norwich*, &c.
Robert Cremer, died rector 1751.
1751, *Henry Shute*, by *Norborne Berkley*, Esq.

FRENGE.

This little village is situated in a great valley between two considerable hills, and a rivulet running through it; the name of it is truly antique, and as it was called by the ancient *Britons*, *Frau* or *Frau*, signifying in that language a stream, and *gey*, water; and *Frau* is a river in *Wales*.

NORWICH PRIORY MANOR.

In 1085, it is named amongst those lordships which the Conqueror granted in fee to *William Beaufoe*, then Bishop of *Thetford*, and was a beruite to his great manor of *Sedgford*, which he held also in fee, in his own right; one carucate in demean, 7 villains, and 2 socmen with one carucate and an half belonged to it, and Bishop *Agelmar* made a beruite (that is a separate little lordship from *Sedgeford*) out of the tenure of one of these socmen.[2]

By this it appears that both *Sedgford* and *Frenge* belonged to this see in *Agelmar's* time, who succeeded his brother *Stigand*, in the see of *Elmham*, and being obnoxious to the Conqueror, on that account was deprived of it, in 1070; and on his deprivation, not only *Sedgford* and *Frenge*, but other lordships were alienated, seized, and retained from the see, and these being granted to Bishop *Beaufoe*, he, on his death in 1091, gave them again to that see.

Herbert, who succeeded *Beaufoe*, removed the see to *Norwich*, and on his foundation of the priory there in 1001, settled the lordship of *Frenge* on the monks towards their maintenance, with one carucate of land, which he had granted to *Odo*, as freely as he held it himself The preamble to the grant runs thus, "What, says the prophet, shall " I give to the Lord for all the goods, he has bestowed on me? &c." and is sealed with the sign of the cross.[3]

Eborard Bishop of *Norwich*, and *William* (*Turb*) prior, and the convent, granted by deed, sans date, (about 1140) to *Henry* their man in fee, their land at *Frainges*, with all the services and customs, to hold it quietly, freely and peaceably, by way of inheritance, without any claim or injury;[4] witnesses, *Roger* the priest, *Albert* the deacon, and the whole soche of *Secheford*.

Richard, the prior, and convent, by deed, sans date, (about 1150) grant to *Henry de Frenges*, (the aforesaid *Henry*, as I take it) for his services their lands here, to be held in fee, paying 100*s*. *per ann.*—witnesses all the soche of *Secheford*.

On the Dissolution of the priory, and surrender of it to King *Henry* VIII. in 1538, by *William Castleton* the prior, that King on *May* 2, in the said year, founded it for a dean, 6 prebendaries and minor canons, &c.

This manor was settled with the appropriated rectory, on that body, and so remains at this time.

FRENGE MANOR,

Another lordship, and the principal one, was at the survey possessed by *Eustachius*, or *Eustace* Earl of *Bologne* in *France*, and placed under the hundred of *Docking*, though the former manor was placed under *Smethden* hundred; this belonged to *Orgar*, a freeman, in King *Edward's* reign: it consisted of one carucate of land, and one in demean, 3 carucates amongst the tenants or men, 4 villains, 6 borderers, &c. valued before the survey at 40*s*. then at 60*s*. *per ann.* A freeman also had in the Confessor's time, a carucate and an half of land, &c. 7 borderers and one socman, with 30 acres, valued at 20*s*. and another with 15 acres.

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[2] Terra Willi. Epi. Tedfordensis de feudo ——Smeteduna hund. ——Huic man. (viz. Setesforda) jacet i beruita que vocatur Frenga, sep. i car. in dominio, et vii vill. et ii soc. ten. i car. et dim. et de uno soc. fecit beruita Agelmar Ep.

[3] Int. Archiv. Decan. et Capit. Norvic.

[4] Regist. 1. Eccles. Cath. Norvic. p. 224. and p. 12.

The whole was half a leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 27*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.[5]

The family of *De Burun* were early enfeoffed of this manor. *Godfrey de Burun* gave by deed, sans date to the monks of *Castleacre*, 30 acres of land in this town, held of him by *Gundred de Frenge*, for his own soul and that of *William* his father, and *Hugh* his brother.[6]

Ralph Byrum and *Catherine* his wife, purchased lands here of *Richard de la More*, in the 14th of *Edward* I. and in the 23d of that King, this lordship was settled by fine, on *Ralph de Byrum* (his son) and *Roesia* his wife, on the death of *Ralph* and *Catherine*.

In the 9th of *Edward* II. *John de Whitsonde* was found to be lord; and in the 12th of that King, the said *John* and *Roesia* his wife, were found to have held it; the said *John* being that year executed for felony, of which he was found guilty at the assise held at *Bishop's-Lynne*.

After this it was held by Sir *Robert de Illey* and *Catherine* his wife, in the 43d of *Edward* III. when *Thomas Frere* of *Lynne*, and *Richard de Holme*, chaplains, had it conveyed to them in trust, with a messuage, 104 acres of land, 6*s.* rent, and a foldcourse.

Sibilla was their daughter and heir, who brought it by marriage to Sir *Roger Boys*, knight, of *Honing*; and in the 6th of *Henry* VI. *September* 11, sold it (being then a widow) to *John Esmond*, Esq. and *Margaret* his wife; of whom see in *Cranworth*.

In the 20th of *Henry* VIII. *Thomas Lestrange*, Esq. was lord, and held 300 acres of land, 12 of meadow, 30 of pasture, 4 of wood, 100 of furze and heath, 4*l. per ann.* rent, with 6 messuages; and in the 36th of that King died seized of it, being then a knight.

Sir *Hamon Lestrange* sold it in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth* to *John Richers*, Gent.

HACKFORD AND UPHALL MANORS.

The Earl *Warren* had also a freeman, who held 20 acres of land, valued at 16*d. per ann.* his predecessor had only the protection of him, but *Stigand* had the soc.[7] This lordship is placed in *Docking* hundred; but besides this, his lordships of *Snetesham* and *Ingaldesthorp*, extending into this town, made it a considerable tenure.

In the reign of *Henry* III. *John de Thorp* and *Alice* his wife, held here and in *Snetesham*, the 3d part of a fee of the Earl *Warren*, and *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp* the fourth part of a fee, in the said towns; and *Hawise* and *Elizabeth*, the daughters and coheirs of *John de Mileham*, the 4th part of a fee in *Frenge*, *Docking* and *Anmere*, of the said Earl.

After this, the family of *de Hackford*, who bore checque, *or* and

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[5] Terre Comitis Eustachij —— H. de Dochinga. —— Frenge i car. t're. ten. Orgar. lib. ho. T.R.E. et i car. in d'nio. semp. iii car. ho'um. et iiii vill. et vi bord. i ac. p'ti. mo. xvi porc. tnc. c ov. mo. cvi tnc. et p. val. xl sol. mo. lx. et i lib. ho. i car. et dim. t're. T.R.E. tnc. i car. et dim. p. et mo. i car. et vii bord. et i soc. xxx ac. et val. xx sol. et i socm. xv ac. totu' ht. dim. leug. in long. et dim. in lat. quic'q; ibi teneat, et reddit xxviid. de xx sol. de gelto.

[6] Regist. Castleac. p. 50.

[7] Terre Willi. de Warrenna —— H. de Dochinge. —— In Fraingheṣ i lib. ho. xx ac. terre et val. xvid. de hoc habuit suus antec. comd. tant. Stigandus soca.

vert, in allusion to the Earl *Warren's* arms, were lords; and on the death of Sir *William de Hackford* and *Margaret* his wife, it came to his 2 daughters and coheirs; *Joan*, the wife of Sir *John de Seckford*, who bore *ermin* on a fess, *gules*, three escallops, *or*; and to *Elizabeth*, the wife of *Henry de Elmham*, who bore a fess, between three eaglets displayed.

In the 6th of *Edward* III. *John de Seckford* and *Joane*, passed by fine to *Henry Elmham*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, the moiety of *Hackford Hall* manor, with the moiety of 3 messuages, 137 acres of land, 3 of meadow, 2 of pasture, &c. which *Margaret*, widow of Sir *William de Hackford*, held for life; so that the whole descended to *Henry de Elmham*.

Sir *William Elmham* his son was lord in the 49th of the aforesaid King, and died seized of it in the 4th of *Henry* IV. as appears by his will, then dated, *April* 2.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *Beatrix de Inglethorp* held the 4th part of a fee here and in *Snetesham*.

John de Titchwell, and the heirs of *John de Mileham*, held the 3d part of a fee of the Earl *Warren*, late *John de Thorp's*; and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *William Olney*, &c. held the 3d part of a fee, late *John de Thorp's*.

These probaby made the manor in this town called *Uphall*.

Sir *John de Ingaldesthorp* died seised of these manors, and gave by his last will, proved in 1419, a legacy to this church.

This Sir *John* was one of the executors to Sir *William de Elmham*; and Sir *Edmund de Ingaldesthorp* died lord of *Hackford-Hall*, and *Uphall*, in 1456.

Soon after this, Sir *John Colvile*, and *Anne* his wife, warranted the same to *Thomas Granger*, vicar of *Ware*, (to whom they were conveyed by fine,) against *Edmund*, abbot of *Westminster*.

Sir *John Say* died possessed of them in the 18th of *Edward* IV. In the reign of *Richard* III. Sir *William Say* and *Elizabeth* his wife, conveyed them by fine to *Henry L'Estrange*, Esq. &c. of *Hunstanton*.

In the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, Sir *Hamon Lestrange* sold them to *John Richers*, Gent. of *Dersingham*.

Edmund Richers of *Frenge*, son (as I take it) of *John*, had from *Camden*, Clarencieux, in 1613, a grant of these arms; *or*, on two bars, *gules*, as many flower-de-lis, *or*; and crest, on a wreath, *or* and *gules*, a de-lis, per pale, *ermine* and *gules*, and was so born by *Thomas Richers*, Esq. of *Ashden* in *Essex*, receiver general for *Cambridge* in 1710, as descended from the said *Edmund*.

But all the interest which the family had here was sold in 1654, by *John Richers*, Esq. to *Robert Villiers*, Lord Viscount *Purbeck*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of Sir *John Danvers*.

After this, it came to the *Delavals*; and *John Delaval* had a grant of a fair here evey year, on the 10th of *May*, in the 35th of King *Charles* II.

Mr. *Framingham* of *Lynn*, a baker, afterwards a merchant, purchased it of the *Delavals*, whose daughter and heir, *Joan*, brought it by marriage, to *Peter Seaman*, a brewer in *Norwich*, and a knight in the time of Queen *Anne*, and then to Captain *Goodwyn* of *Lynn*, by the marriage of one of his daughters, sister and coheir to her brother; and dying *s. p.* left it to her two nieces, daughters of Sir *Henry*

Nelthorp, Bart. but the right was in Mr. *Goodwyn*, the captain's brother, and now lord.

I find the hundred-court kept here in the 36th of *Henry* VIII.

The tenths were 7*l*. Deducted 1*l*. 6*s*. 6*d*.

The temporalities of *Norwich* priory were 20*s*. *per ann.*

David, son of *Roger de Frenge*, resigned to the prior and convent all the land that he held of them in this town, for one mark, sans date; witnesses, *Richard de Refham*, seneschal to the Earl *Warren*, *Hervey de Stanhow*, *Will. de Burun*, *John Say*, &c.

The prior of *Coxford* had lands here.

In the 4th of *Henry* III. *John le Sire* conveyed by fine to *Hubert*, then prior, certain lands, before *Jeffrey Fitz-Piers*, *Symon de Pateshull*, *Godfrey de Lisle*, *John de Gestling*, and *Walter de Creping*, justices; and in 1428, their temporalities were 3*l*. 11*s*. 6*d*.

Temporalities of *Castleacre*, 23*s*. *ob*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and was a rectory, valued at 20 marks. By a deed, sans date, a composition was made between the prior of *Wymondham*, (who held the rectory appropriated of *Snetesham)* and the rector of this town, about the foldcourses of Sir *Thomas Inglethorp*, that as long as the sheep continued in this parish, the rector should have the tithes, and as long as in *Snetesham*, the prior.

In the time of *Edward* I. the rector had a manse, and 40 acres of glebe, and *Ralph Byrom* was lord and patron. *Peter*-pence 12*d*.

It was appropriated by Bishop *Bateman* to the priory of *Norwich*, on *May* 13, 1352, on the condition that the profits should be applied to find the monks shoes, and to pay 4*s*. *per ann.* to each monk, on St. *Thomas's* day, and *All-Saints*, and to erect a chantry at the high altar, in the choir, for a monk to sing daily, for his welfare while alive, and when dead, for his own soul, his father's, mother's, friends and benefactors souls, and each monk to take the service by weekly course, and receive at the week's end 2*s*.

No vicarage was apppointed, but the church was to be served by a stipendiary curate, paid by the convent, and at present paid by the dean and chapter, who hold the impropriation.

In 1428, the spiritualities of the priory of *Norwich*, were valued at 20 marks.

The church stands on a rising hill, a little westward of the town, and is a single pile, covered with tile, and the chancel with lead, with a small tower of flint stones, &c. at the west end of the body, with one bell.

On a gravestone in the chancel, with a brass plate,

Orate p. a'i'a. Ric. Crispe, qui obt. 26 *Apr.* 1517.

On the screen, the arms of *Norwich* priory, or deanery, and of *L'Estrange*.

In the nave, gravestones for

Franc. Cremer, who died August 23, 1741, *and Susan his wife;*

And for

Robert Cremer, who died 1734.

Another for

William Mantell of this parish, gent. and Catherine his wife, daughter of Ralph Hartstrong of Twiford in Norfolk, Gent. who died January 9, 1687; and these arms, *argent*, a cross ingrailed, between four *Cornish* choughs, *sable*, impaling per chevron, ingrailed, *or* and *sable*, in chief three pellets, in base, an hart passant, of the first; *Mantel* and *Hartstrong*.

Henry, son of *Jeffrey de Frenge*, was here buried in 1370.

In 1603, there were 186 communicants in this parish.

RECTORS.

I find these ancient rectors.

Mr. *Roger Snetesham*.

John Biroun, rector; and in 1322, *John Alunday* was instituted, presented by *John de Whitsande* and *Rose* his wife.

1349, *Richard de Colney*, by *William de Colney*.

John Richers of *Dersingham*, married ———, daughter of *Godrick*, and was father of *John Richers* of *Frenge*, Gent. who by *Margery*, daughter of *Thomas Segar*, had *Edmund Richers*, and by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Francis Bexwell*, Esq. of *Bexwell*, left *John* his son and heir, who by *Susanna*, daughter of Sir *John Peyton* of *Donington* in the isle of *Ely*, was father of *John Richers* of *Norwich*, haberdasher, his father having sold this manor.

Robert Viscount *Purbeck*, was son of *John*, Viscount *Purbeck*, (brother to *George* Duke of *Bucks*,) by *Frances*, daughter of Sir *Edward Coke*, the judge: this *Robert* married *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *John Danvers*, and died in 1657, and *Robert* his son, married *Mary*, daughter of *Ulick Burgh*, Earl of St. *Alban's*, relict of the Lord *Muskerry*, son of the Earl of *Clenricard*, in *Ireland*, and their son, *Robert*, sold it.

HITCHAM

Takes its name from a river that here runs into the sea; *Itche*, *Isse*, being a common name for rivers among the *Iceni*: thus *Hitcham* in *Suffolk*, *Hitching* in *Hertfordshire*, and *Itching* in *Hampshire*, &c.

In the time of *Oswald* Archbishop of *York*, about 980, one *Godwin*, was lord, or had considerable possessions in this town, and gave to *Ramsey* abbey all that he held herein, except the tenures of *Ethelbald*, his butler, *Lefrick* his goldsmith, and of *Wlfgar*, who were to hold their estates during life, after which, to go to the church of *Ramsey*.[8]

In *Domesday* it is wrote *Hecham*, a *Ham* by the water.

At the survey it is placed in *Smethden* hundred, and was at that time the lordship of *William* Earl *Warren; Toche*, a *Saxon* thane, was owner of it in King *Edward's* time, and afterwards *Fredric* held it in fee; there were 7 carucates in demean, held by 70 borderers, and 6 servi, with 12 acres of meadow, and 7 carucates of the tenants, paunage for 100 swine, 3 mills, and the moiety of a fourth, a fishery, &c. 600 sheep, and 35 socmen had a carucate and a half of land, and there were 6 carucates and 4 acres of meadow, then valued at 12*l.* at the survey at 15*l. per ann.*

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[8] Gale's Hist. Rames. cap. 51.

The Earl *Warren* had also 2 carucates of land, which *Alnod* a freeman possessed in King *Edward's* reign, to which there belonged 26 borderers, 2 servi, and 6 acres of meadow; there were 2 carucates in demean, and one and a half amongst the men, the moiety of a mill, a saltpit, and a fishery, and 4 socmen with 2 acres, &c.; this was valued at 3*l. per ann.*[9]

The whole was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 4*s.* to a 20*s.* gelt.

LEWES PRIORY MANOR.

William, the Second Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, gave to this priory the principal manor of this town, that was held by *Toche* and *Fredric*, as his father had requested him, in the presence of all his barons, to give them one of his best lordships in this county, (the said priory being founded by his father,) also the lands which *William de Cayley* held of him here.[1]

Robert de Mortimer, by deed, sans date, conferred on the monks of *Lewes*, his demean lands, services and homages by way of exchange, for lands held by them in *Thomeston* and *Cateston* in *Norfolk;* witnesses, *Hamelin* Earl *Warren*, &c. (he died 1202) witnesses, *William de Warren, Ralph de Plaiz, Robert de Perepoint, Reginald de St. Martin, Ralph de Castello, Jeffrey de Hagebech*, &c.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior was found to have the assise of bread and beer, of his tenants.

In the 35th of that King, *William Tristram* of *Hecham*, released to the prior all his right in a fen lying behind the hall, between a way called *Redegate* on one side, and the *Prior's Manor* on the other; and in the said year he had confirmation of a lete, view of frank pledge, weyf and stray, infangtheof, &c. paying half a mark *per ann.* to the lord of the hundred, as he had done to *Roger* Lord *Montalt.*

Their temporalities in 1428, were valued in rent, land, a mill, &c. at 75*l.* 9*s. ob. per ann.*

At the Dissolution, *Robert*, prior of *Lewes*, and the convent, on *December* 22, in the 29th of *Henry* VIII. granted this manor, the appropriated rectory, and patronage of the vicarage, with a cell here, belonging to the said priory, to the King, who, in the said year, gave it to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.

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[9] T're. Willi. de Warrenna —Hund. Smetheduna. —— Hecham ten. Toche lib. ho. T.R.E. semp. vii car. in dominio et lxx bord. et vi serv. et xii ac. p'ti. et vii car. hom. silva c porc. et iii molin. et dim. i piscar. semp. i runc. xxx an. lx porc. DC ovs. hic jacent xxxv soc. i car. et dim. t're. semp. vi car. iiii ac. p'ti. tc. val. xii lib. mo. xv.——In ead. ten. W. ii car. terre. quas tenuit Alnod lib. ho. T.R.E. semp. xxvi bord. et ii serv. et vi ac. p'ti. et ii car. in dominio, et i car et dim. hom. et dim. molin. et i salina, et i piscaria et iiii soc. ii ac. tc. xii animal. mo. xvi tc. xxx porc. mo. xl tc. lxxx ovs. mo. lx et val. lx sol. Totu' ht. i lg. in long. et dim. in lato. et redd. iiii sol. de xx sol. de gelto.

[1] Mon. Angl. vol. ii. p. 909.

It was afterwards in *Philip* Earl of *Arundel*, who being attainted, *Thomas Howard* Earl of *Suffolk* had a grant of it from the Crown, *November* 22, in the 6th of King *James* I.

In the following year, *November* 3, the said Earl conveyed all the aforesaid premises, to Sir *Hamon L'Estrange*, of *Hunstanton*, Knt. whose immediate descendant and heir, the Honourable Sir *Henry Lestrange*, Bart. died lord in 1760, and on a division of his estate, this came to his sister, Mrs. *Airmine Stileman*, widow, relict of *Nicholas Styleman*, Esq. of *Snetesham*, and *Nicholas Styleman*, Esq. her eldest son and heir, the present lord.

CALEY'S HALL.

Another lordship in this town was in the *Caleys*. This was probably that which *Alnod* held in the Confessor's time: it appears that *William de Caley* held lands of the Earl *Warren* in this town in the reign of *Henry* I. and in the time of *Henry* III. *Roger de Cailli* of *Hecham*, and *Beatrix* his wife, gave to the monks of *Castleacre*, 16*d*. rent *per ann*, for land held by *Ralph* his brother, of him, with the homage of the said *Ralph*.[a]

Jeffrey de Hecham conveyed by fine to *Hugh de Caley*, in the 33d of that King, a messuage, with a carucate of land, which *Roger de Caly* his brother held for life only; and covenants to build a chapel here, to the honour of the Virgin *Mary*, and to find a chaplain therein, to pray for ever for the soul of *Geffrey* and his ancestors.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. *Hugh de Caly* was found to have, as lord, the assise of bread and beer, and other privileges, paying with the prior of *Lewes*, half a mark *per ann*. to the Earl of *Arundel*.

The said prior kept his mercate in the King's highway, in this town, made distrains at will, to the injury of the whole country, as the jury found.

William de Cailly surrendered to *Nicholas*, son of *Thomas Fastolf*, 24 messuages, a mill, 244 acres of land, 6 of meadow, 20 of pasture, 20 of marsh, 4*l*. 8*s*. 8*d*. rent *per ann*. in this town, in trust, by fine, in the 11th of *Edward* II. and Sir *William Kaly*, Knt. was lord in the 50th year of *Edward* III.

The *Caleys* lived at *Obey* in *Flegg* hundred, and by the marriage of *Agnes*, daughter and coheir of Sir *William Caley*, this manor came to Sir *John Harsike* of *Southacre*, whose son and heir, Sir *Roger*, by his will, dated in 1453, gives it to his right heir, after the decease of his wife, *Alice*.

Sir *Roger* left 2 daughters and coheirs; *Joan*, the 2d, brought it to her husband, *Richard Dorward*, Esq. and his daughter and heir *Margaret*, to *John Wingfeld*, Esq. of *Dunham Magna*, whose son and heir, *Thomas Wingfeld*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, passed it by fine to Sir *Thomas Lestrange*, of *Hunstanton*, Knt. in *Trinity* term, *ao* 21st *Henry* VIII. by the name of *Caley's-Hall*, in *Hecham juxta Mare*.

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[a] Regist. Castleac. p. 53.

In this family it remained; Sir *Henry Lestrange* dying lord, and so came to the *Stylemans.*

The tenths of the town were 16*l.* 10*s.* Deducted 2*l.*

The temporalities of *Sporle* priory were 2*s.* and of *Norwich* priory 10*d. per ann.* *Castleacre* temporalities, 2*s.*

The monastery of St. *Ibreyo* in *France,* had a portion of tithe valued at two marks, and *John de Ingoldesthorp* one, valued at 5 marks.

The spiritualities of *Lewes* priory, being the rectory, were valued at 34 marks; the patronage of it was granted by *Hamlin Plantaginet* Earl *Warren* and *Surrey;* it was appropriated, and the prior had the rectory-house, 2 carucates of glebe land, and was patron of the vicarage, and had then no house or land, valued at 8 marks. *Peter*-pence 2*s.* 6*d.*

The present valor of the vicarage is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Mary,* and built in a cathedral or conventual manner, has a nave, a north and south isle, with a north and south transept, or cross isles, and a chancel covered with lead, a square tower, and one bell.

On a mural monument against the wall of the north isle,

Hic positæ sunt mortales exuviæ venerab. viri Robti Redmayne L.L.D. cujus dignitatem et præstantiam testantur copiose ager Lancastrens. academia Cantabrig. civitas Norvic. comitatis Norfolc. totusq; fere hic alter orbis Anglia quinq; episcopor. Nordovic. p. 37 annos et ultra cum summa nominis sui amplitudine cancellarius stetit dignissimus, nulli sui ordinis fuit secundus, omnium ornamentum, quâ prudentiam quâ pietatem eruditionis omnimodæ varietatem, memoriæ felicitatem, judicii maturitatem, morum suavitatem, vitæ integritatem, et in omni re gerandâ mirandam dexteritatem præstitit, vir fuit spectantissimus,

Sed mortalis erat, tumulus mortalia condit,
Spiritus in Christi vivit agitq; sinu.

Excessit vitâ 5 Aug. 1625, *ætat. suæ ao.* 74, *obt. in itinere viator, vivit in cælo comprehensor.*

Dorothea eIVs VXor pIetatIs gratIâ hoC eI ponebat Mærens;[3] and these arms,

Quarterly, *gules,* three cushions, *ermin,* tasselled *or,* in the first and 4th quarter, *Redmayne;* in the 2d, - - - -, lion rampant, *or*; in the 3d, *azure,* a fess, between three martlets, *argent.*

On a gravestone by it,

Here lyeth the body of Dorothy Redmayn, widow, sometime wife of John Rolf of Hecham, gent. afterwards wife of Dr. Redmayne, chancellor of Norwich, after whose death she lived a widow 20 *years, and dyed October,* 1645, *in the* 80*th year of her age,* and is buried at the feet of her 2 husbands.

In their lives they were lovely, and in their deaths they were not divided.——2d *Sam.* 1. 23,

On gravestones in the chancel,

Hoc sub marmore, placidè, secure in thalumo, et in tumulo dormiunt

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[3] The capital letters here are to shew the date of the year, M.D.CXXV.

Tho. Dusgate de Hecham, generosus, filius secundus Gulielmi Dusgate de Cockley Cley, generosi, qui obt. sexto die Decemb. Ao. Dni. 1662, *æt.* 54, *et Anna uxor ejus, filia Bartholomei Johnson de Anmer, generosi, quæ peperit quatuor filios, Franc. Tho. Hamon. Gulielm. et octo filias, Annam, Francis. Thomasin. Muriam, Eliz. Ciciliam Susan. Susan. et obt.* 11 *die Sept. Ao. Dni.* 1659.

Qui placide in thalamo quondam dormire solebant,
Uno jam tumulo, fœmina, virq; jacent.

Sacrum memoriæ - - - - - Presbiteri Gulielmi March, in art. magi. Cant. hujus eccles. parochial. nuper vicarij fidelissimi, cum literator. luctu parochianor. dispendio defuncti, nec sine lacrymarum obsequio, &c. obt. 9 *Apr. Ao.* 1634, *ætat.* 47.

Joan Fenys, wife of Sir *Robert Fenys*, Knt. requires by her will, dated 1466, to be buried in this church, by *Richard Witherton*, her late husband.

The priory of *Lewes* had a free chapel and a chantry in their house or cell here, which in 1269 they granted for life, to *William de London*.

Walter, son of *Reginald de Etton*, released to the prior all his right in the advowson of this church; witnesses, Sir *Hugh de Caly*, &c.

John Martyn was prior of this cell, in 1514, and in 1553, an annuity of 18*s*. 4*d*. was paid by the Crown to the late prior.

VICARS.

Adam de Walsoken was vicar before 1288.
1305, *Matthew de Shipden* was instituted vicar, presented by the Bishop, *hac vice*.
1307, *William de Abeford*, by the prior and convent of *Lewes*.
1317, *John de Ketilburgh*. *Ditto.*
Thomas de Smalbergh.
1333 *John Ballard*. *Ditto,*
1338, *Hugh de Foxley*, by *John* Earl *Warren*, patron of the priory of *Lewes*.
Thomas Baret.
1385, *William Catteworth*, by the prior, &c.
1393, *Michael Ruddock*. *Ditto.*
1420, *John Attemore*. *Ditto.*
1443, *Adam Stanburn*. *Ditto.*
William Kynnesay.
1472, *John Morren*. *Ditto.*
1473, Mr. *William Lamyn*, *Ditto.*
1479, Mr. *John Talwyn*. *Ditto.*
William Sharp.
1493, *William Snayth*. *Ditto.*
1501, *Alexander Foster*, buried in the chancel 1540. *Ditto.*
1541, *Ralph Rishton*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.
1550, *William Lyon*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
William Rushton.
1555, *William Potkin*. *Ditto.*

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[4] Regist. Prior. de Lewes.

1582, *Christopher Cratch*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel;* he certified in 1603, that there were 200 communicants.

1615, *William March*, by Sir *Hamon Le Strange.*

1634, *Thomas Hudson.* *Ditto.*

1639, *Oliver Calvert.* *Ditto.*

1661, *Robert Brown*, by *Nicholas Le Strange*, Bart.

1671, *William Constable*, by *John Coke*, Esq.

1674, *Thomas Wolnall*, by Sir *Nicholas Le Strange*, Bart.

1681, *Thomas Burgess.* *Ditto.*

1694, *John Thorn.* *Ditto.*

1699, *William Houghton.* *Ditto.*

1704, *Robert Harmer.* *Ditto.*

Thomas Weatherhead, the present vicar.

John Whetel, by will, 1504, gave his place in the moor, to find a light afore the *Trinitie*, and 3 acres of land to find his *obit*.

In this church were the guilds of *Jesu*, *Trinity*, our Lady, St. *Margaret*, *Corpus Christi*, St. *Thomas*, and St. *Leodegarius*.

This town gave name to the deanery of *Hitcham*, and was taxed at 12 marks, and contained 22 parishes.

DEANS.

1314, Mr. *Adam de Fakenham* was collated to it by the Bishop of *Norwich*.

1330, *Robert de Brunham.* *Ditto.*

1335, *Peter de Belgrave.* *Ditto.*

1342, *Thomas Gernoun.* *Ditto.*

1349, *John de Norwich.* *Ditto.*

HUNSTANTON LORDSHIP

STANDS at the north east point of *Norfolk*, where it is washed by the great *German* ocean, and is remarkable for its lofty cliff, about 100 feet high, against which the raging sea comes with such force and fury, that it is supposed to have gained by length of time, a considerable tract of land, about 2 miles; the strata of this cliff, thus placed at this point, are worthy of observation; under the surface of the earth or mould, which is about 2 or 3 feet deep, lies a strong white chalk, then a red hard clunch stone, below that a stone of a yellow colour, and the lowest stratum is an exceeding durable, and hard rock stone of an iron colour, yet it is said that sometimes, in great storms, &c. the sea surmounts all.

Here, on certain great refluxes of the sea, called a dead neep, about the end of *September*, the inhabitants of the neighbouring villages can walk or ride, about 2 miles, to a place called the *Oister-Sea*, where they take in their season, great quantities of oisters, some lobsters, &c. and indeed the shore abounds at all times with great variety of curious fish.

This point bears the name of St. *Edmund*, who, as our historians relate, landed hereabouts, when he came from *Germany* to be crowned king of the *East-Angles*, bequeathed to him by King *Offa*.

Edmund is also said to have built a royal tower here, to have resided here near a year, to get the whole book of Psalms by heart in the Saxon language, and from hence arose the first foundation of this village.

This formal history favours much of the cloister; it is scarce possible to believe that *Edmund* (if he landed here) would be so weak as to make a settlement in this place, and reside here, before he had taken possession of the crown that he came to obtain.

This must be granted to be an unpardonable neglect, and not to be acted by any prince on such a call, especially when it is well known that in that age the aspiring Kings of *Mercia*, or of the *English Saxons*, would gladly have laid hold of such an advantage, to seize on his kingdom, not to mention the cruel ravages and incursions made at that time in these parts, &c. by the savage *Danes*.

Old authors derive the name of the town from *Honey*, as betokening sweetness and great might: the ancients were bad etymologists, and some of the moderns (it is to be feared) do not excel them.

It is probable that it takes its name from a little rivulet that arises in *Hunstanton* park, and running thence to the hall, makes its way to the sea: thus we meet with *Hunworth* in *Norfolk*, and *Hunwick* in the county of *Durham*, &c. which terms *Worth* and *Wick*, assuredly betoken a site on rivers called *Hun*; also *Hundon* and *Hunston* in *Suffolk*.

The capital manor was in the King, when the grand survey was made, and *William de Noiers* had the care of it for the King.

Stigand, the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, was lord in King *Edward's* reign, and held it as his own lay or temporal fee, when it contained two carucates, but when *William de Noiers* received it, there was but one and an half, 16 villains, 4 borderers, 3 servi, and 8 acres of meadow; there were 2 carucates amongst the men or tenants, a mill, the moiety of a fishery, &c. and 4 socmen held 60 acres, valued at 70*s.* but at the survey at 110*s. per ann.*

In King *Edward's* time a free woman had 30 acres, which *Ralph Waher* Earl of *Norfolk*, held three years before (and at the time) he forfeited his lands, by his rebellion; afterwards *Robert Blund* and *Godric*, farmed it at 30*s.* with other land, but *Siward* joined it again to this lordship, and *Godric* does not account for it; also three socmen of St. *Bennet's*, with 4 acres, were added to it, by *William de Noiers*.

The whole was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 6*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt, whoever may hold it.

Soon after the survey, King *William* I. granted to *Alan*, son of *Flaald*, the town and castle of *Oswaldestre* in *Shropshire*, &c. which belonged to *Meridith ap Blethyn*, the *Britain*, and had also a grant of the manor of *Mileham*, in *Norfolk*, &c. for his and his father's ser-

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[5] See Stow's Annals, p. 76.

vices in that King's expedition into *England*, and was ancestor of the noble family of *Fitz-Alans* Earls of *Arundel*.

Guy L'Estrange, or *Extraneus*, a principal officer under the aforesaid *Alan*, had a grant from him of the lordship of *Knokin* in *Shropshire;* and from this *Guy* descended the ancient family of the *L'Estranges*, Lords and Barons of *Knocking*, the Barons of *Blackmere*, and the *L'Estranges* of *Hunstanton*.

Dugdale in his *Baronage*, seems to make this *Guy* to be younger son of the Duke of *Britain* in *France*, and as he mentions not this Duke's name, nor his attachment to the Earls of *Britain*, who were also Earls of *Richmond*, at this time, and adds, *as it is most likely*, I shall endeavour to clear up this point, and relate many occurrences in the treating of this family, that I have found from authentic records, most of which have not (as I believe) as yet been published.

Guy, the first, the founder of the family of the *L'Estranges*, had 3 sons, *Guy*, *Hamon*, and *John*.

Guy, the eldest, was sheriff of *Shropshire*, in the 2d of *Henry* II. and in the 19th of that King, answered for 9*l*. 3*s*. 2*d*. for the old farm of the honour of *William*, son of *Alan;* and in the following year set a tax on the King's demeans.

This *Guy* left a son and heir, *Ralph*, who (as *Dugdale* says) died *s. p.* but it appears from a pleading, *ao.* 9th of *Richard* I. that he left 2 daughters and coheirs; *Maud*, who married *Fulco de Oiri*, lord of *Gedney*, in *Lincolnshire;* and *Emma* to *Philip de Burnham* of *Norfolk*.

So that we must return to *Hamon*, 2d son of *Guy* the first, who dying *s. p. John* his brother was left sole heir of the family.

Dugdale places the death of this *John* in the 3d of *Henry* III. but this mistake will appear from the following grant;

" *John Cognomento Le Strange*, by his deed, sans date, grants for " the souls of *Henry* the younger, and *Alianore* the queen, and of " *William* Earl of *Arundel*, his lord, and Queen *Adelizia* his wife " &c. to the monks of *Binham*, all the fee that *Ralph de Hunestanton* had in *Edgefield*, and his son, *Symon*, after him, and after *Reginald le Brun*," to whom (as he expreses it in his deed) he succeeded, as right heir; witnesses, *Ralph le Strange*, *William de Hunestanton*, &c.

This was about the year 1173,[6] and the rebellion of *Henry* the younger, eldest son of King *Henry* II. who had been crowned King by his father, and so distinguished as the young King; and it proves that this *John L'Estrange* was in the rebellion against the old King, as was his wife, Queen *Alianore*, *William* Earl of *Arundel*, (whom he styles his lord, holding lands of him,) and this Earl's wife, Queen *Adelizia*, who was late wife of King *Henry* I.

John L'Estrange, the 2d son of *John*, was called in the 6th of *Richard* I. nephew of *Reginald*, whose sister his father married.

In the said year *Simon de Perepoint*, attorney of this *John*, demanded of *Ralph de Plaiz*, the manor of *Bernham* in *Suffolk*, by *Thetford*, as heir to *Reginald de Brun* his uncle, which *Hugh de Plaiz* gave

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[6] This John L'Strange was found to hold a knight's fee in Norfolk, of William Fitz-Alan, in the reign of Henry II. Hearn's Lib. Niger. p. 142.

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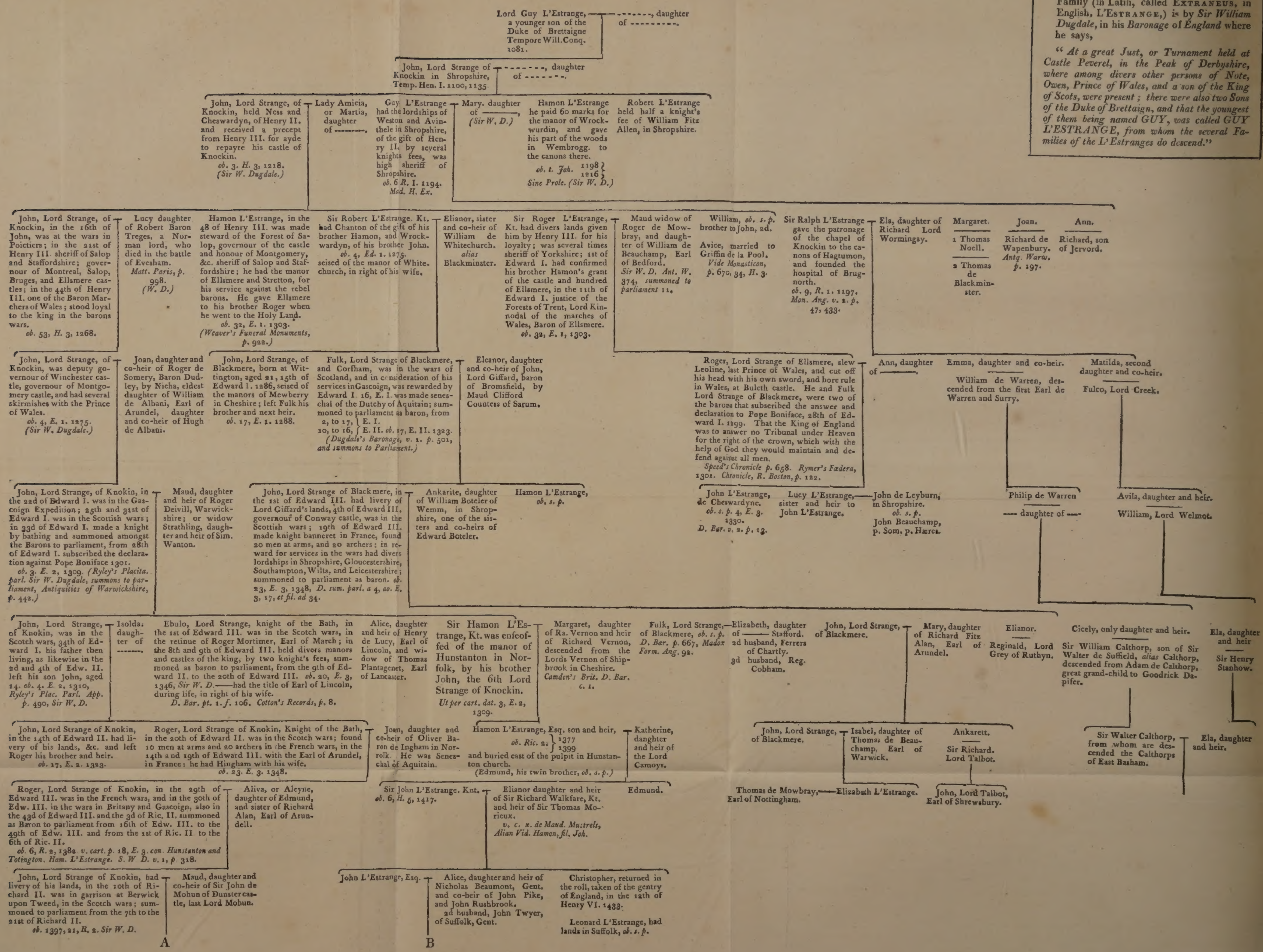
L'ESTRANGE'S PEDIGREE.

The first Account we find mentioned of this Family (in Latin, called EXTRANEUS, in English, L'ESTRANGE,) is by *Sir William Dugdale*, in his *Baronage* of *England* where he says,

"*At a great Just, or Turnament held at Castle Peverel, in the Peak of Derbyshire, where among divers other persons of Note, Owen, Prince of Wales, and a son of the King of Scots, were present; there were also two Sons of the Duke of Brettaign, and that the youngest of them being named GUY, was called GUY L'ESTRANGE, from whom the several Families of the L'Estranges do descend.*"



Lord Guy L'Estrange, a younger son of the Duke of Brettaigne Tempore Will. Conq. 1081.

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John, Lord Strange of Knockin in Shropshire, Temp. Hen. I. 1100, 1135.

-------, daughter of -------.

John, Lord Strange, of Knockin, held Ness and Cheswardyn, of Henry II. and received a precept from Henry III. for ayde to repayre his castle of Knockin. *ob.* 3. *H.* 3, 1218. *(Sir W. Dugdale.)*

Lady Amicia, or Martia, daughter of ---------.

Guy L'Estrange had the lordships of Weston and Avinthele in Shropshire, of the gift of Henry II. by several knights fees, was high sheriff of Shropshire. *ob.* 6 *R.* I. 1194. *Mad. H. Ex.*

Mary. daughter of ———, *(Sir W. D.)*

Hamon L'Estrange he paid 60 marks for the manor of Wrockwurdin, and gave his part of the woods in Wembrogg. to the canons there. *ob. t. Joh.* 1198 } 1216 } *Sine Prole. (Sir W. D.)*

Robert L'Estrange held half a knight's fee of William Fitz Allen, in Shropshire.

John, Lord Strange, of Knockin, in the 16th of John, was at the wars in Poictiers; in the 21st of Henry III. sheriff of Salop and Staffordshire; governour of Montreal, Salop, Bruges, and Ellsmere castles; in the 44th of Henry III. one of the Baron Marchers of Wales; stood loyal to the king in the barons wars. *ob.* 53, *H.* 3, 1268.

Lucy daughter of Robert Baron Treges, a Norman lord, who died in the battle of Evesham. *Matt. Paris, p.* 998. *(W. D.)*

Hamon L'Estrange, in the 48 of Henry III. was made steward of the Forest of Salop, governour of the castle and honour of Montgomery, &c. sheriff of Salop and Staffordshire; he had the manor of Ellsmere and Stretton, for his service against the rebel barons. He gave Ellsmere to his brother Roger when he went to the Holy Land. *ob.* 32, *E.* 1. 1303. *(Weaver's Funeral Monuments, p.* 922.*)*

Sir Robert L'Estrange. Kt. had Chanton of the gift of his brother Hamon, and Wrockwardyn, of his brother John. *ob.* 4, *Ed.* 1. 1275. seised of the manor of Whitechurch, in right of his wife.

Elianor, sister and co-heir of William de Whitechurch. *alias* Blackminster.

Sir Roger L'Estrange, Kt. had divers lands given him by Henry III. for his loyalty; was several times sheriff of Yorkshire; 1st of Edward I. had confirmed his brother Hamon's grant of the castle and hundred of Ellsmere, in the 11th of Edward I. justice of the Forests of Trent, Lord Kinnodal of the marches of Wales, Baron of Ellsmere. *ob.* 32, *E.* 1, 1303.

Maud widow of Roger de Mowbray, and daughter of William de Beauchamp, Earl of Bedford. *Sir W. D. Ant. W.* 374, *summoned to parliament* 11.

William, *ob. s. p.* brother to John, 2d.

Avice, married to Griffin de la Pool. *Vide Monasticon, p.* 670. 34, *H.* 3.

Sir Ralph L'Estrange gave the patronage of the chapel of Knockin to the canons of Hagtumon, and founded the hospital of Brugnorth. *ob.* 9, *R.* 1. 1197. *Mon. Ang. v.* 2. *p.* 47, 433.

Ela, daughter of Richard Lord Wormingay.

Margaret.

1 Thomas Noell.

2 Thomas de Blackminster.

Joan.

Richard de Wapenbury. *Antq. Warw. p.* 197.

Ann.

Richard, son of Jervord.

John, Lord Strange, of Knockin, was deputy governour of Winchester castle, governour of Montgomery castle, and had several skirmishes with the Prince of Wales. *ob.* 4, *E.* 1. 1275. *(Sir W. Dugdale.)*

Joan, daughter and co-heir of Roger de Somery, Baron Dudley, by Nicha, eldest daughter of William de Albani, Earl of Arundel, daughter and co-heir of Hugh de Albani.

John, Lord Strange, of Blackmere, born at Wittington, aged 21, 15th of Edward I. 1286, seised of the manors of Mewberry in Cheshire; left Fulk his brother and next heir. *ob.* 17, *E.* 1. 1288.

Fulk, Lord Strange of Blackmere, and Corfham, was in the wars of Scotland, and in consideration of his services in Gascoign, was rewarded by Edward I. 16, E. I. was made seneschal of the Dutchy of Aquitain; summoned to parliament as baron, from 2, to 17, } E. I. 10, to 16, } E. II. *ob.* 17, E. II. 1323. *(Dugdale's Baronage, v.* 1. *p.* 501, *and summons to Parliament.)*

Eleanor, daughter and co-heir of John, Lord Giffard, baron of Bromsfield, by Maud Clifford Countess of Sarum.

Roger, Lord Strange of Ellsmere, slew Leoline, last Prince of Wales, and cut off his head with his own sword, and bore rule in Wales, at Buleth castle. He and Fulk Lord Strange of Blackmere, were two of the barons that subscribed the answer and declaration to Pope Boniface, 28th of Edward I. 1299. That the King of England was to answer no Tribunal under Heaven for the right of the crown, which with the help of God they would maintain and defend against all men. *Speed's Chronicle p.* 658. *Rymer's Fœdera,* 1301. *Chronicle, R. Boston, p.* 122.

Ann, daughter of ———.

Emma, daughter and co-heir.

William de Warren, descended from the first Earl de Warren and Surry.

Matilda, second daughter and co-heir.

Fulco, Lord Creek.

John, Lord Strange, of Knokin, in the 22d of Edward I. was in the Gascoign Expedition; 25th and 31st of Edward I. was in the Scottish wars; in 33d of Edward I. made a knight by bathing and summoned amongst the Barons to parliament, from 28th of Edward I. subscribed the declaration against Pope Boniface 1301. *ob.* 3. *E.* 2, 1309. *(Ryley's Placita. parl. Sir W. Dugdale, summons to parliament, Antiquities of Warwickshire, p.* 442.*)*

Maud, daughter and heir of Roger Deivill, Warwickshire; or widow Strathling, daughter and heir of Sim. Wanton.

John, Lord Strange of Blackmere, in the 1st of Edward III. had livery of Lord Giffard's lands, 4th of Edward III. governour of Conway castle, was in the Scottish wars; 19th of Edward III. made knight banneret in France, found 20 men at arms, and 20 archers; in reward for services in the wars had divers lordships in Shropshire, Gloucestershire, Southampton, Wilts, and Leicestershire; summoned to parliament as baron. *ob.* 23, *E.* 3, 1348, *D. sum. parl. a* 4, *ao. E.* 3, 17, *et fil. ad* 34.

Ankarite, daughter of William Boteler of Wemm, in Shropshire, one of the sisters and co-heirs of Edward Boteler.

Hamon L'Estrange, *ob. s. p.*

John L'Estrange, de Cheswardyne. *ob. s. p.* 4, *E.* 3. 1330. *D. Bar. v.* 2. *p.* 13.

Lucy L'Estrange, sister and heir to John L'Estrange.

John de Leyburn, in Shropshire. *ob. s. p.* John Beauchamp, p. Som. p. Hæres.

Philip de Warren

---- daughter of ----

Avila, daughter and heir.

William, Lord Welmot.

John, Lord Strange, of Knokin, was in the Scotch wars, 34th of Edward I. his father then living, as likewise in the 2d and 4th of Edw. II. left his son John, aged 14. *ob.* 4. *E.* 2. 1310, *Ryley's Plac. Parl. App. p.* 490, *Sir W. D.*

Isolda, daughter of -------.

Ebulo, Lord Strange, knight of the Bath, in the 1st of Edward III. was in the Scotch wars, in the retinue of Roger Mortimer, Earl of March; in the 8th and 9th of Edward III. held divers manors and castles of the king, by two knight's fees, summoned as baron to parliament, from the 9th of Edward II. to the 20th of Edward III. *ob.* 20, *E.* 3, 1346, *Sir W. D.*——had the title of Earl of Lincoln, during life, in right of his wife. *D. Bar. pt.* 1. *f.* 106. *Cotton's Records, p.* 8.

Alice, daughter and heir of Henry de Lucy, Earl of Lincoln, and widow of Thomas Plantagenet, Earl of Lancaster.

Sir Hamon L'Estrange, Kt. was enfeoffed of the manor of Hunstanton in Norfolk, by his brother John, the 6th Lord Strange of Knockin. *Ut per cart. dat.* 3, *E.* 2, 1309.

Margaret, daughter of Ra. Vernon and heir of Richard Vernon, descended from the Lords Vernon of Shipbrook in Cheshire. *Camden's Brit. D. Bar. c.* 1.

Fulk, Lord Strange, of Blackmere, *ob. s. p. D. Bar. p.* 667, *Madox Form. Ang.* 92.

Elizabeth, daughter of ——— Stafford. 2d husband, Ferrers of Chartly. 3d husband, Reg. Cobham.

John, Lord Strange, of Blackmere.

Mary, daughter of Richard Fitz Alan, Earl of Arundel.

Elianor.

Reginald, Lord Grey of Ruthyn.

Cicely, only daughter and heir.

Sir William Calthorp, son of Sir Walter de Suffield, *alias* Calthorp, descended from Adam de Calthorp, great grand-child to Goodrick Dapifer.

Ela, daughter and heir

Sir Henry Stanhow.

John, Lord Strange of Knokin, in the 14th of Edward II. had livery of his lands, &c. and left Roger his brother and heir. *ob.* 17, *E.* 2. 1323.

Roger, Lord Strange of Knokin, Knight of the Bath, in the 20th of Edward II. was in the Scotch wars; found 10 men at arms and 20 archers in the French wars, in the 14th and 19th of Edward III. with the Earl of Arundel, in France: he had Hingham with his wife. *ob.* 23. *E.* 3. 1348.

Joan, daughter and co-heir of Oliver Baron de Ingham in Norfolk. He was Seneschal of Aquitain.

Hamon L'Estrange, Esq. son and heir, *ob. Ric.* 2. } 1377 } 1399 and buried east of the pulpit in Hunstanton church. (Edmund, his twin brother, *ob. s. p.*)

Katherine, daughter and heir of the Lord Camoys.

John, Lord Strange, of Blackmere.

Isabel, daughter of Thomas de Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick.

Ankarett.

Sir Richard. Lord Talbot.

Sir Walter Calthorp, from whom are descended the Calthorps of East Basham.

Ela, daughter and heir.

Roger, Lord Strange of Knokin, in the 29th of Edward III. was in the French wars, and in the 30th of Edw. III. in the wars in Britany and Gascoign, also in the 43d of Edward III. and the 3d of Ric. II. summoned as Baron to parliament from 16th of Edw. III. to the 49th of Edw. III. and from the 1st of Ric. II to the 6th of Ric. II. *ob.* 6, *R.* 2, 1382 *v. cart. p.* 18, *E.* 3. *con. Hunstanton and Totington. Ham. L'Estrange. S. W D. v.* 1, *p* 318.

Aliva, or Aleyne, daughter of Edmund, and sister of Richard Alan, Earl of Arundell.

Sir John L'Estrange. Knt. *ob.* 6, *H.* 5, 1417.

Elianor daughter and heir of Sir Richard Walkfare, Kt. and heir of Sir Thomas Morieux. *v. c. x. de Maud. Mustrels, Alian Vid. Hamon, fil. Joh.*

Edmund.

Thomas de Mowbray, Earl of Nottingham.——Elizabeth L'Estrange.

John, Lord Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury.

John, Lord Strange of Knokin, had livery of his lands, in the 10th of Richard II. was in garrison at Berwick upon Tweed, in the Scotch wars; summoned to parliament from the 7th to the 21st of Richard II. *ob.* 1397, 21, *R.* 2. *Sir W. D.*

Maud, daughter and co-heir of Sir John de Mohun of Dunster castle, last Lord Mohun.

A

John L'Estrange, Esq.

Alice, daughter and heir of Nicholas Beaumont, Gent. and co-heir of John Pike, and John Rushbrook. 2d husband, John Twyer, of Suffolk, Gent.

Christopher, returned in the roll, taken of the gentry of England, in the 12th of Henry VI. 1433.

Leonard L'Estrange, had lands in Suffolk, *ob. s. p.*

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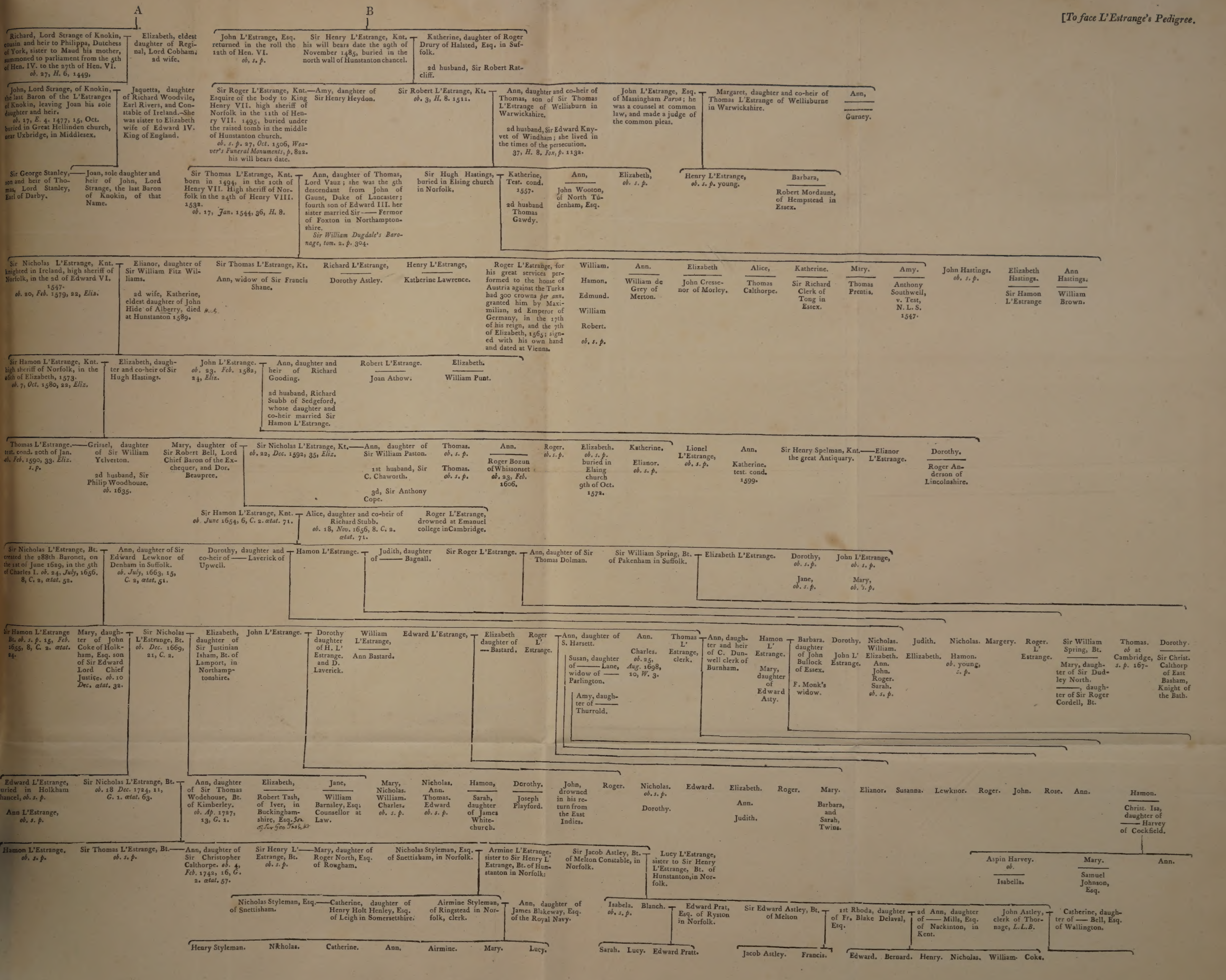
[*To face L'Estrange's Pedigree.*



A

Richard, Lord Strange of Knokin, cousin and heir to Philippa, Dutchess of York, sister to Maud his mother, summoned to parliament from the 5th of Hen. IV. to the 27th of Hen. VI. *ob.* 27, *H.* 6, 1449,

Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Reginal, Lord Cobham; 2d wife.

John, Lord Strange, of Knokin, the last Baron of the L'Estranges of Knokin, leaving Joan his sole daughter and heir. *ob.* 17, *E.* 4. 1477, 15, Oct. buried in Great Hellinden church, near Uxbridge, in Middlesex.

Jaquetta, daughter of Richard Woodvile, Earl Rivers, and Constable of Ireland.–She was sister to Elizabeth wife of Edward IV. King of England.

Sir George Stanley,——Joan, sole daughter and heir of John, Lord Strange, the last Baron of Knokin, of that Name.

son and heir of Thomas, Lord Stanley, Earl of Darby.

B

John L'Estrange, Esq. returned in the roll the 12th of Hen. VI. *ob, s. p.*

Sir Henry L'Estrange, Knt. his will bears date the 29th of November 1485, buried in the north wall of Hunstanton chancel.

Katherine, daughter of Roger Drury of Halsted, Esq. in Suffolk.

2d husband, Sir Robert Ratcliff.

Sir Roger L'Estrange, Knt.—Amy, danghter of Sir Henry Heydon.

Esquire of the body to King Henry VII. high sheriff of Norfolk in the 11th of Henry VII. 1495, buried under the raised tomb in the middle of Hunstanton church. *ob. s. p.* 27, *Oct.* 1506, *Weaver's Funeral Monuments, p.* 822. his will bears date.

Sir Robert L'Estrange, Kt. *ob.* 3, *H.* 8. 1511.

Ann, daughter and co-heir of Thomas, son of Sir Thomas L'Estrange of Wellisburn in Warwickshire.

2d husband, Sir Edward Knyvet of Windham; she lived in the times of the persecution. 37, *H.* 8. *Fox, p.* 1132.

John L'Estrange, Esq. of Massingham *Parva*; he was a counsel at common law, and made a judge of the common pleas.

Margaret, daughter and co-heir of Thomas L'Estrange of Wellisburne in Warwickshire.

Ann, —— Gurney.

Sir Thomas L'Estrange, Knt. born in 1494, in the 10th of Henry VII. High sheriff of Norfolk in the 24th of Henry VIII. 1532. *ob.* 17, *Jan.* 1544, 36, *H.* 8.

Ann, daughter of Thomas, Lord Vauz; she was the 5th descendant from John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster; fourth son of Edward III. her sister married Sir —— Fermor of Foxton in Northamptonshire. *Sir William Dugdale's Baronage, tom.* 2. *p.* 304.

Sir Hugh Hastings, buried in Elsing church in Norfolk.

Katherine, Test. cond. 1557. 2d husband Thomas Gawdy.

Ann, —— John Wooton, of North Túdenham, Esq.

Elizabeth, *ob. s. p.*

Henry L'Estrange, *ob. s. p.* young.

Barbara, —— Robert Mordaunt, of Hempstead in Essex.

Sir Nicholas L'Estrange, Knt. knighted in Ireland, high sheriff of Norfolk, in the 2d of Edward VI. 1547. *ob.* 20, *Feb.* 1579, 22, *Eliz.*

Elianor, daughter of Sir William Fitz Williams.

2d wife, Katherine, eldest daughter of John Hide of Alberry, died at Hunstanton 1589.

Sir Thomas L'Estrange, Kt. —— Ann, widow of Sir Francis Shane.

Richard L'Estrange, —— Dorothy Astley.

Henry L'Estrange, —— Katherine Lawrence.

Roger L'Estrange, for his great services performed to the house of Austria against the Turks had 300 crowns *per ann.* granted him by Maximilian, 2d Emperor of Germany, in the 17th of his reign, and the 7th of Elizabeth, 1565; signed with his own hand and dated at Vienna.

William. Hamon. Edmund. William Robert. *ob. s. p.*

Ann. —— William de Grey of Merton.

Elizabeth —— John Cressenor of Morley.

Alice, —— Thomas Calthorpe.

Katherine. —— Sir Richard Clerk of Tong in Essex.

Mary. —— Thomas Prentis.

Amy. —— Anthony Southwell, v. Test, N. L. S. 1547.

John Hastings. *ob. s. p.*

Elizabeth Hastings. —— Sir Hamon L'Estrange

Ann Hastings. —— William Brown.

Sir Hamon L'Estrange, Knt. high sheriff of Norfolk, in the 16th of Elizabeth, 1573. *ob.* 7, *Oct.* 1580, 22, *Eliz.*

Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of Sir Hugh Hastings.

John L'Estrange. *ob.* 23. *Feb.* 1582, 24, *Eliz.*

Ann, daughter and heir of Richard Gooding.

2d husband, Richard Stubb of Sedgeford, whose daughter and co-heir married Sir Hamon L'Estrange.

Robert L'Estrange. —— Joan Athow.

Elizabeth. —— William Punt.

Thomas L'Estrange.——Grissel, daughter of Sir William Yelverton.

test. cond. 20th of Jan. *ob. Feb.* 1590, 33. *Eliz. s. p.*

2d husband, Sir Philip Woodhouse. *ob.* 1635.

Mary, daughter of Sir Robert Bell, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, and Dor. Beaupree.

Sir Nicholas L'Estrange, Kt.——Ann, daughter of Sir William Paston.

ob. 22, *Dec.* 1592, 35, *Eliz.*

1st husband, Sir C. Chaworth.

3d, Sir Anthony Cope.

Thomas. *ob. s. p.*

Thomas. *ob. s. p.*

Ann. —— Roger Bozun of Whissonset *ob.* 23, *Feb.* 1606.

Roger. *ob. s. p.*

Elizabeth. *ob. s. p.* buried in Elsing church 9th of Oct. 1572.

Katherine. Elianor. *ob. s. p.*

Lionel L'Estrange, *ob. s. p.*

Ann. Katherine. test. cond. 1599.

Sir Henry Spelman, Knt.——Elianor L'Estrange.

the great Antiquary.

Dorothy. —— Roger Anderson of Lincolnshire.

Sir Hamon L'Estrange, Knt. *ob. June* 1654, 6, *C.* 2. *ætat.* 71.

Alice, daughter and co-heir of Richard Stubb. *ob.* 18, *Nov.* 1656, 8. *C.* 2. *ætat.* 71.

Roger L'Estrange, drowned at Emanuel college inCambridge.

Sir Nicholas L'Estrange, Bt. created the 288th Baronet, on the 1st of June 1629, in the 5th of Charles I. *ob.* 24, *July*, 1656, 8, *C.* 2, *ætat.* 52.

Ann, daughter of Sir Edward Lewknor of Denham in Suffolk. *ob. July*, 1663, 15, *C.* 2, *ætat.* 51.

Dorothy, daughter and co-heir of —— Laverick of Upwell.

Hamon L'Estrange.

Judith, daughter of —— Bagnall.

Sir Roger L'Estrange.

Ann, daughter of Sir Thomas Dolman.

Sir William Spring, Bt. of Pakenham in Suffolk.

Elizabeth L'Estrange.

Dorothy, *ob. s. p.*

Jane, *ob. s. p.*

John L'Estrange, *ob. s. p.*

Mary, *ob. s. p.*

Sir Hamon L'Estrange Bt. *ob. s. p.* 15, *Feb.* 1655, 8, *C.* 2. *ætat.* 24.

Mary, daughter of John Coke of Holkham, Esq. son of Sir Edward Lord Chief Justice. *ob.* 10 *Dec. ætat.* 32.

Sir Nicholas L'Estrange, Bt. *ob. Dec.* 1669, 21, *C.* 2.

Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Justinian Isham, Bt. of Lamport, in Northamptonshire.

John L'Estrange.

Dorothy daughter of H. L'Estrange. and D. Laverick.

William L'Estrange, —— Ann Bastard.

Edward L'Estrange,

Elizabeth daughter of —Bastard.

Roger L'Estrange.

Ann, daughter of S. Harsett.

Susan, daughter of —— Lane, widow of —— Parlington.

Amy, daughter of —— Thurrold.

Ann. Charles. *ob.* 25, *Aug.* 1698, 10, *W.* 3.

Thomas L'Estrange, clerk.

Ann, daughter and heir of C. Dunwell clerk of Burnham.

Hamon L'Estrange. Mary, daughter of Edward Asty.

Barbara. daughter of John Bullock of Essex. F. Monk's widow.

Dorothy. John L'Estrange.

Nicholas. William. Elizabeth. Ann. John. Roger. Sarah. *ob. s. p.*

Judith. Ellizabeth.

Nicholas. Hamon. *ob.* young, *s. p.*

Margery.

Roger. L'Estrange.

Sir William Spring, Bt. —— Mary, daughter of Sir Dudley North. ——, daughter of Sir Roger Cordell, Bt.

Thomas. *ob* at Cambridge, *s. p.* 167-

Dorothy. —— Sir Christ. Calthorp of East Basham, Knight of the Bath.

Edward L'Estrange, buried in Holkham chancel, *ob. s. p.*

Ann L'Estrange, *ob. s. p.*

Sir Nicholas L'Estrange, Bt. *ob.* 18 *Dec.* 1724, 11, *G.* 1. *ætat.* 63.

Ann, daughter of Sir Thomas Wodehouse, Bt. of Kimberley. *ob. Ap.* 1727, 13, *G.* 1.

Elizabeth, —— Robert Tash, of Iver, in Buckinghamshire, Esq. Son of Sir Geo Tash Kt

Jane, —— William Barnsley, Esq; Counsellor at Law.

Mary, Nicholas. William. Charles. *ob. s. p.*

Nicholas. Ann. Thomas. Edward *ob. s. p.*

Hamon, —— Sarah, daughter of James Whitechurch.

Dorothy. —— Joseph Playford.

John, drowned in his return from the East Indies.

Roger.

Nicholas. *ob. s. p.* Dorothy.

Edward.

Elizabeth. Ann. Judith.

Roger.

Mary. Barbara, and Sarah, Twins.

Elianor. Susanna. Lewknor. Roger. John. Rose. Ann.

Hamon. —— Christ. Isa, daughter of —— Harvey of Cockfield.

Hamon L'Estrange, *ob. s. p.*

Sir Thomas L'Estrange, Bt.——Ann, daughter of Sir Christopher Calthorpe. *ob.* 4, *Feb.* 1742, 16, *G.* 2. *ætat.* 57.

ob. s. p.

Sir Henry L'Estrange, Bt.——Mary, daughter of Roger North, Esq. of Rougham.

ob. s. p.

Nicholas Styleman, Esq. of Snettisham, in Norfolk.

Armine L'Estrange. sister to Sir Henry L'Estrange, Bt. of Hunstanton in Norfolk:

Sir Jacob Astley, Bt. of Melton Constable, in Norfolk.

Lucy L'Estrange, sister to Sir Henry L'Estrange, Bt. of Hunstanton,in Norfolk.

Aspin Harvey. *ob.* —— Isabella.

Mary. —— Samuel Johnson, Esq.

Ann.

Nicholas Styleman, Esq.——Catherine, daughter of Henry Holt Henley, Esq. of Leigh in Somersetshire.

of Snettisham.

Airmine Styleman, of Ringstead in Norfolk, clerk.

Ann, daughter of James Blakeway, Esq. of the Royal Navy.

Isabela. *ob. s. p.*

Blanch.

Edward Prat, Esq. of Ryston in Norfolk.

Sir Edward Astley, Bt. of Melton

1st Rhoda, daughter of Fr. Blake Delaval, Esq.

2d Ann, daughter of —— Mills, Esq. of Nackinton, in Kent.

John Astley, clerk of Thornage, *L.L.B.*

Catherine, daughter of —— Bell, Esq. of Wallington.

Henry Styleman. Nicholas. Catherine. Ann. Airmine. Mary. Lucy.

Sarah. Lucy. Edward Pratt.

Jacob Astley. Francis.

Edward. Bernard. Henry. Nicholas. William. Coke.

with *Helewisia* his daughter, to *Ralph*, son of *Herluine*; and *Reginald le Brun* gave it in King *Henry* the Second's time, to the monks of *Thetford.*

Soon after this, *Martin*, the prior of *Thetford*, released a carucate of land at *Bernham* in *Suffolk* to *John L'Strange*, on *John's* giving him 20*s. per ann*, rent in *Totington*.

This record is remarkable for the entry of the agreement between the parties, on the back of the roll.

At this time he is called *John Le Strange* of *Hunstanton*, when there was an agreement between him and *Robert Mortimer*, concerning certain fees in this town, *Totington*, *Ringstead*, &c.

From this it appears that he was lord of *Hunstanton* in *Richard* the First's time.

In an old roll of the arms of those who served under *Richard* I. at the siege of *Acon*, in the *Holy Land*, *John Le Strange* is said to bear *argent* two lions passant, *gules*.

In the 9th of *Henry* III. he had a patent for a weekly mercate here on *Friday*,[7] and was father of *John* Lord *Strange*, who in the 16th of *Henry* III. was in the French wars, and died in the 53d of that King.

In a MS. entitled the Armory of Nobility, gathered and collated by *Robert Cooke*, Clarencieux, King of Arms, and after corrected and amended by *Robert Glover*, *Somerset* Herald in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, this *John* is said to be created Lord *Knocking* in the reign of King *John*, and to bear these arms, *gules*, two lions passant, *argent*.

This *John Le Strange*, who married *Amicia*, was the 3d Lord *Strange* of *Knockyn*, and father of *John* Lord *Strange*,[8] the 4th of that name, and of *Hamon*, *Roger*, and *Robert*.

Hamon was a person of great dignity and eminency in the 41st of *Henry* III. and in the 49th of that King, many houses in *London* were granted to this *Hamon* and other illustrious (*illustribus*, as the grant expresses it) persons, of some who were then attainted; in 1272 he gave to his brother, *Robert*, the manor of *Wrockwarden* in *Shropshire*, to be held by one chaplet of flowers, as appears by his deed, dated at *Acton*, *April* 12, Sir *John Lovel*, Sir *Brian de St. Peter*, Sir *Robert de Standel*, Sir *John de Blound*, Sir *Hugh de Herford*, &c. witnesses, the seal being two lions passant, and seemingly guardant.

He was a strict adherent to the King, and performed many good services for him against *Simon Montfort* Earl of *Leicester*; and in the 2d of Edward I. (before he went into the Holy Land) granted other manors to his brother *Robert*.

Roger, the other brother, was steward of King *Edward* the First's household *ao*. 8, and justiciary of that King's forests, *ao*. 4.

This *John* Lord *Strange*, the 4th of that name, and eldest brother of *Hamon*, succeeded his father as lord of this manor, &c.

In the 54th of *Henry* III. the sheriff of *Norfolk* gave an account of 7*l*. 2*s*. 4*d*. of the issues of it, before he delivered it to him: he married *Lucy*, daughter of *Robert Tregos*.

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[7] Claus. Rot. 9 Hen. III.

[8] Dugdale makes this John to be 2d John Lord Strange; but I think him mistaken; the first John was living, and possessed a fee here about 1164; the confusion arises from so many of the same name.

[9] Rot Pip.

This lord died in 1275; it was then found that *William de Blomvill*, sub-escheator, had seized it into the King's hands, and that he held one manor in *Hunstanton*, on one side of the water, of the heirs of *Arundel's* manor of *Mileham*, by one knight's fee, to which there belonged 300 acres of land, a mill, &c. and a manor on the other side of the water, of the Earls of *Arundel*, by the service of 5 fees, and that *John* was his son and heir, aged 22.

This *John* Lord *Strange*, the fifth of that name, married *Joan*, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Roger Somery*, Lord *Dudley*, by *Nichola* his wife, sister and coheir of *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel*, by whom a considerable estate was brought into this family, in this county, &c. with the manor of *Milton*, in *Cambridgeshire*. This lord, and *Joan* his wife, were living in 1280.

John Lord *Strange*, the 6th of that name, married *Maud*, daughter and coheir of *Roger D'Eivill*.

To this *John* Lord *Knokyn*, and *Maud* his wife, *Edmund Fitz-Alan* Earl of *Arundel*, granted in 1306, the manor of *Trafford*, in *Cheshire*, for life; and the manor of *Walton D'Eiville* in *Warwickshire* was part of the inheritance that came by her.

This *John* had summons to attend the King into *Gascoigne*, in the 22d of *Edward* I. and died in the 3d of *Edward* II. *Maud* was found to be heir of *Eubulo de Montibus*, of *Ketton*, in *Rutlandshire*, 14th *Edward* II.

He left by *Maud* his wife, *John* his son and heir, who died soon after his father, in the 4th year of *Edward* II.; he was aged 27 at his father's death, married to *Isolda*, but whose daughter she was does not appear; her arms, as in a seal impaled by this Lord *John* was a lion rampant.

He had 2 brothers, *Eubolo* and *Hamon*; *Eubolo* was Knight of the Bath, and marrying *Alice*, daughter and heir of *Henry Lacy* Earl of *Lincoln*, (relict of *Thomas*, Duke of *Lancaster*) is sometimes called Earl of *Lincoln*, in right of his lady, and dying without issue, in the 9th of *Edward* III. *Roger* Lord *Strange*, son of his elder brother, *John* Lord *Strange*, was his heir.

Sir *Hamon*, the youngest brother, was enfeoffed of this manor by his elder brother, *John* Lord *Strange*, on *Saturday* before the feast of the Blessed Virgin, in the 3d of *Edward* II. as appears from the original grant or deed.

This Sir *Hamon Le Strange* married *Margaret* daughter of Sir *Ralph Vernon* of *Motran* in *Cheshire*, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of Sir *Brian de* St. *Peter*, and heiress of *Richard Vernun*, descended from the Lords *Vernon*, of *Shipbrook*, in *Cheshire*. *Isolda* gave to *Margaret*, widow of this Sir *Hamon*, the custody of his son and heir *Hamon*.

He is said to die in the 10th of *Edward* II. and bore *gules*, two lions passant, *argent*, bruised, with a bendlet for difference, and from him the present family are immediately descended, and as his heirs lords of *Hunstanton*.

Hamon L'Estrange, Esq. his son, married *Catherine*, daughter and heiress of the Lord *Camois*: he died in the reign of *Richard* II. and was buried in the church of *Hunstanton*.

Sir *John L'Estrange* was son and heir of *Hamon*, and married *Alianore*, daughter and coheir of Sir *Richard Walkfare*; in the 8th of *Richard* I. He and *Alianore* conveyed lands by fine, to *Joane*, widow of Sir *Thomas Felton*, his wife's sister, and in the following year had letters of protection from the King,[1] and accompanied *John* Duke of *Lancaster* into *Spain*, which Duke being lord of *Smethdon* hundred, granted to him (for his services) that his tenants here should be exempt from serving on juries in his courts.

He and *Alianore* purchased lands in *Stanhow* and *Docking*, by fine, in the 8th of *Henry* IV. she was daughter of Sir *Richard Walkfare*, by ———, daughter and heir of Sir *Thomas Morieux*, of *Suffolk*, (who was made constable of the *Tower* of *London*, for life, by parliament, in the 5th of *Richard* II.) she survived her husband, and died in the 18th of *Henry* V.

Sir *John* was escheator for the duchy of *Lancaster*, in the 6th and 7th of *Henry* IV. also chief hostiarus of the King's palace; and in the 10th of *Henry* IV. sealed with 2 lions and a bendlet over all.

John Lestrange, Esq. son of Sir *John*, married *Alice*, daughter and heir of *Nicholas Beman*, by *Maud* his wife, daughter and heir of *John Pike*, and *Eleanore* his wife, daughter and heir of Sir *William de Rushbrook*, of *Suffolk*, by *Joan* his wife, daughter of *Walter Wells*, Esq lord of *Raine Parva* in *Essex*, by *Isabel* his wife, sister of *Edmund de Kemseck*, lord of *Samford*, and of *Felstead* in *Essex*, which *Walter* died in the 19th of *Edward* II. and was descended of the noble family of the Lord *Wells* in *Lincolnshire*.

Sir *William de Rushbrook* was living in the 36th of *Edward* III. This *Alice* outliving her husband,[2] *John L'Estrange*, Esq. and her son, *Roger*, died seised of *Raine Parva*, *ao.* 11th of *Edward* IV.[3]

She married to her 2d husband, *John Twyer*, Esq. of *Suffolk*. *John Lestrange*, her first husband's will was proved in *November*, 1436; she married *William Skrene*, (as some say,) lord of *Finbergh*, &c. in *Suffolk*, to her 3d husband.

Roger L'Estrange, Esq. was son of *John*, by *Alice Bemant* aforesaid: he married *Jane*, called in some writings, *Jane Bebe*, but whose daughter she was, does not appear; by her he had two sons, *John* and *Henry*, as appears from the inscription on the tomb of Sir *Roger L'Estrange* in this church.

This *Roger* is omitted in many pedigrees, and in the Baronettage, but by an inquisition taken in 1436, *John L'Estrange*, Esq. was found to die seized of the manor of *Thorp Morieux*, the manors of *Brookhall*, and *Maydenhall*, in *Felsham*, *Suffolk*, &c. and *Roger* was his son and heir by *Alice* his wife, aged 24.

John L'Estrange, Esq. the eldest son of *Roger*, succeeded in the inheritance, and in the 5th of *Edward* IV. by the name of *John L'Estrange*, of the city of *Norwich*, Esq. grandson and heir of *John L'Estrange*, Esq. late of *Hunstanton*, and *Alice* his wife, daughter of *Nicholas Bemant*, late of *Pakenham* in *Suffolk*, and of *Maud* his wife, sister of *Nicholas Pike* deceased, *(s.p.)* late of *Colchester* in *Essex*, released all his right to Sir *John Howard*, *John Clopton*, &c. in the manor of *Shelleigh* in *Suffolk*: he died *s. p.* 1476, and married two wives, *Elizabeth*, daughter of ——— ——— who survived him, and

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[1] Reymer's Fœd. v. 7. p. 501.

[2] In the 37th of Henry VI. this Alice died seized of the manor of Finburgh, and Cantlow's in Finburgh, in Suffolk, and John Skrene was her heir. Escheat, &c.

[3] Regist. Surflete Norw. p. 20.

Joan daughter of ——— ———, and he was buried in St. *Mary's Chapel-field* college, at *Norwich;* and *Elizabeth* to have an annuity of 10 marks out of his manors of *Aslacton, Wacton,* and *Hedenham,*[4] and if *Thomas Duke,* his first wife's son, would settle it, those manors then to him, &c. and to the college 20 marks.

Henry Le Strange, Esq. was found heir to his brother, *John,* in 1476, then aged 30. His will is dated in 1483, wherein he desires to be buried in the chancel of this church, by the north wall, appoints *Catharine* his wife, and *Roger Drury,* of *Haustead,* Esq. in *Suffolk,* her father, executors, &c. and died seized of manors in *Hunstanton, Holm, Ringsted, Hitcham, Sedgford,* &c. *Norfolk;* and of *Pakenham,* and *Stow Langtoft* in *Suffolk,* &c. appoints masses to be said for the souls of Sir *Hugh,* and Sir *Thomas de Morieux,* knights.

It appears that he was also lord of *Anmere-Hall,*[5] and *Castell-hall, Massingham Parva,* and *Congham,* of *Thorpe Morieux, Broke Hall, Maydenhall, Gorges, Hastings,* and *Verdon's.*

Catherine his widow, remarried Sir *Robert Ratcliff* of *Attleburgh,* and dying in 1496, was here buried.

Henry Lestrange, Esq. left by his lady, *Catherine,* 3 heirs, *Roger, Robert* and *John,* who married *Margaret,* one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Thomas Le Strange* of *Walton Deivile* in *Warwickshire,* and lord of *Massingham Parva.* In the 11th of *Edward* IV. *Henry,* by the death of *Alice* his grandmother, (whose heir he was,) inherited the manor of *Raines Parva,* in *Essex.*

Sir *Roger Le Strange,* the eldest son, was esquire of the body to King *Henry* VII. and sheriff of *Norfolk* in the 2d of that King.

He built the gatehouse of *Hunstanton hall,* as appears from his arms, and those of his lady *Amy,* thereon, who was daughter of Sir *Henry Heydon,* of *Baconsthorp,* by whom he had a son and heir, *John,* who dying under age, *Robert L'Estrange* his brother, was his heir, as was found on an inquisition *post mortem,* in the 21st of *Henry* VII. 1506, and *Anne* his lady died in 1510.

Robert L'Estrange, Esq. married *Anne,* daughter and coheir of Sir *Thomas L'Estrange,* of *Walton D'Eivile* in *Warwickshire,* by whom he had Sir *Thomas* his son, and died in 1511.

Sir *Thomas L'Estrange* had settled on him by the executors of his uncle, Sir *Roger,* in performance of his last will, the manors of *Thorp Morieux,* and *Felsham,* and his heirs; he died *January* 16, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. leaving *Nicholas* his son and heir, aged 30, by *Anne* his wife, daughter of *Nicholas* Lord *Vaux,* and *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Henry,* Lord *Fitz-Hugh:* he was high of *Norfolk* in the 24th of *Henry* VIII. and left several sons and daughters.

Sir *Nicholas L'Estrange,* his son, had livery of this manor, *Ringsted Magna* and *Parva, Mustrolls, Bernards, Caley's* in *Hitcham, Frynge, Godwich, Thorp, Felsham,* &c.

In the 36th of *Henry* VIII. he was knighted in *Ireland,* sheriff of *Norfolk,* 1547, and knight of the shire in the first of *Edward* VI. and married first, *Elen,* daughter of Sir *John Fitz-Williams,* of *Milton* in *Northamptonshire;* his 2d wife was *Catherine,*[6] daughter of Sir *John*

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[4] Blomfield's Hist. of Norw. vol. iv. p. 169, also his estates in St. Edmund the King, St. Paul, and St. Peter's of Hangate, in Norwich.

[5] Regist. Gelour.

[6] She appears to be his wife in the first of Edward VI.

Hide of *Albury* in *Wiltshire,* by whom he had no issue; he died 19th *February,* in the 22d of *Elizabeth,* and was buried (as is said) at *Sedgeford,* leaving *Hamon,* his eldest son and heir.

Robert, his 2d son, of *Lynn,* who married *Joan,* daughter and coheir of *Christopher Athow,* of *Brisley,* and *John L'Estrange,* lord of *Sedgeford. Catherine,* his 2d wife, died at *Hunstanton,* in 1589: she was widow of ——— *Minns.*

Sir *Nicholas* was chamberlain to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk,* and had in 1567, a grant of the site of the manor of *Geywode* in *Norfolk,* for 21 years.

Hamon, his son and heir, married *Elizabeth,* daughter and coheir of Sir *Hugh Hastings,* of *Elsing* in *Norfolk,* and had issue, *Thomas, Nicholas,* and *Roger,* who for his eminent services, performed to *Maximilian* II. Emperor of *Germany,* and the House of *Austria,* had a patent from the said Emperor, dated at *Vienna, October* 12, 1565, for an annual pension of 300 crowns, and was recommended by the said Emperor, to Queen *Elizabeth,* wherein he is called,

Rogerum Strangium virum genere et nobilitate clarum quem vehementer amamus, charumq; habemus.

This *Hamon L'Estrange,* Esq. died soon after his father, *October* 7, in the 22d of *Elizabeth,* and *Thomas,* his eldest son, did not survive him long, dying in the 18th year of his age, *February* 1, in the 23d of *Elizabeth,* without any issue, by *Grisil* his wife, daughter of *William Yelverton,* Esq. of *Rougham.*

Sir *Nicholas L'Estrange,* 2d son of *Hamon,* was heir to his father, and married first, *Mary,* daughter of Sir *Robert Bell,* of *Outwell,* lord chief baron of the Exchequer, and his 2d wife was *Anne,* daughter of Sir *William Paston,* by whom he had no issue: she was widow of Sir *George Chaworth,* of *Nottinghamshire,* and married a 3rd husband, Sir *Anthony Cope.*

He was knighted in *Ireland* in 1586, and died at *Wyveton* in *Nottinghamshire,* and supposed to be buried there in 1592.

Sir *Hamon L'Estrange* was heir to his father, Sir *Nicholas,* by *Mary* his wife; he espoused *Alice,* 2d daughter and coheir of *Richard Stubbs,* Esq. of *Sedgford,* by whom he had 3 sons, who survived him; *Nicholas, Hamon,* and Sir *Roger L'Estrange,* famous for his voluminous writings.

Sir *Hamon* died in 1654, and his lady *Alice* in 1656: he was high sheriff of *Norfolk,* 1609.

Nicholas, the eldest son, was created a baronet, *June* 1, 1629, and by *Anne* his wife, daughter of Sir *Edward Lewknor* of *Denham* in *Suffolk,* left Sir *Nicholas* his son and heir, dying in 1656, and his lady in 1663: he left bearing the bendlet in his arms,

Sir *Nicholas L'Estrange,* baronet, son of Sir *Nicholas,* married 2 wives, *Mary,* daughter of *John Coke,* Esq. of *Holkham,* and *Elizabeth* daughter of Sir *Justinian Isham,* baronet, by whom he had issue, a son, and 2 daughters, and by *Mary, Nicholas* his son and heir.

Sir *Nicholas* died in 1669.—*Coke's* arms were per pale, *azure* and *gules,* 3 eaglets counterchanged; *Isham's, gules,* a fess, wavy, and 3 piles in chief, *argent.*

Sir *Nicholas L'Estrange,* baronet, son and heir of Sir *Nicholas,* and *Mary* his wife, married *Anne,* daughter of Sir *Thomas Woodhouse,* of *Kimberley,* by whom he had *Hamon,* who died unmarried, on his travels into *Italy*, &c. Sir *Thomas* his successor, and *Henry*; also 2 daughters, *Airmine*, married to *Nicholas Stileman*, Esq. of *Snetesham*, and *Lucy*, to Sir *Jacob Astley*, baronet, of *Melton Constable* in *Norfolk*.

Sir *Nicholas* died in 1725, and his lady in *April*, 1727.

Sir *Thomas L'Estrange*, baronet, son of Sir *Nicholas*, succeeded him in his estate and honor, and espoused *Anne*, daughter, and afterwards coheir of Sir *Christopher Calthorp*, of *East Barsham* in *Norfolk*, Knight of the Bath, and having no issue, Sir *Henry L'Estrange*, baronet, his brother, was his heir in 175 -, and married *Mary*, daughter of the Honourable *Roger North*, Esq. of *Rougham*, in *Norfolk*, the last worthy lord of this manor; and bears *gules*, two lioncels, passant, *argent*, and the arms of *Ulster*, as a baronet; crest, a lion passant, guardant, motto, *Mihi parta tueri*. *North*, *azure*, lion passant, *or*, between three lis, *argent*: he died *s. p*, *September* 9, 1760, and was the last heir male of this ancient family.

From what has been abovementioned of this family, it evidently appears to be of great antiquity, and to have been possessed of this lordship from the beginning of the reign of *Henry* I. (if not before) about 600 years, and that *Guy*, the founder or it in *England*, was not a son of the Duke of *Britain* in *France*, but came into *England*, with *Alan*, son of *Flaald*, ancestor of the Earls of *Arundel* at the conquest.

All the lordships and fees that they anciently held, both in this county and that of *Shropshire*, (where they had very great and valuable possessions) being held of the said *Alan* and his descendants.

If this family had been so nearly, or any way related to the dukes, or earls of *Britain*, what might they not have enjoyed, and been enfeoffed of by *Alan Rufus*, or *Fergeant*, Earl of *Britain* in *France*?

Alan married a daughter of the Conqueror, was made Earl of *Richmond*, in *England*, on the conquest, and rewarded with 436 lordships, 81 of which (as *Dugdale* says) were in *Norfolk*, whereas, in none of these (as far as I have seen) had the *Stranges* any interest. Another prevailing reason or proof is from the arms of this family.

It is very well known, that in ancient days, it was a common practice for those who were enfeoffed of any lordship, to take up the chief bearings of their capital lords, only changing or varying the colours, or position of their bearings, and as Earl of *Arundel* bore *gules*, a lion rampant, *or*, so the *L'Estranges* assumed the lion; whereas the Dukes of *Britain* bore a field *ermine*.

It is most probable, that *Guy L'Estrange* aforesaid, and so called in the time of the Conqueror, brought that name with him from *France*, and did not assume it as being a stranger, but took it (as most of the *Norman* chiefs and leaders did) from some town or lordship that they held in *France*.

Charles Marquis *De Chateauneuf*, 2d brother of *Henry* Duke *de la Ferte*, &c. peer and marshal of *France*, married *Mary de Hautefort*, daughter and heir of *Claude de Hautefort*, Viscount *de la Strange*, and had issue, *Henry* Marquis *de Chateauneuf*, and Viscount *Lestrange*. *William Le Strange* was archbishop of *Roan* in *Normandy*, legate of Pope *Clement* VI. and died 1388.

The family is highly ancient in *France*, originally of the province of *Limosin*, where is the castle of *Le Strange*, in a parish of the same name, and very lately, if not at this time, there were two branches of it, one in the county of *Vivanois,* in the province of *Languedoc,* and the other in the county of *La March,* who were allied to most of the houses of *France;* and here in *England* there were the Lords *Le Strange,* Barons of *Knockyn,* the Lords *Le Strange* of *Blackmere,* also the Lords of *Ellesmere* and of *Corsham.*

The Lord *Le Strange* of *Knockyn,* in the reign of King *John,* bore *gules,* two lions passant, *argent;* and *Le Strange,* Lord of *Blackmere, argent,* two lions passant, *gules;* so this family bore the lions as the Lord *Knockyn.*

John Le Strange, lord of this town, and *Ralph Le Strange,* were living about the year 1173, as I have shewn.

BIGOT'S FEE.

Roger Bigot had also at the survey, a very considerable lordship, which *Ralph,* son of *Herluin,* held under him, and which belonged to a freeman, in the reign of King *Edward.* Two carucates then there were in demean, 12 villains, 6 borderers, 3 servi, 6 carucates of the tenants, and 5 acres, then one mill, &c. and a fishery, one horse, one cow, paunage for 40 swine, &c. 80 sheep, &c. five skeps of bees, and 2 socmen belonged to it, with 10 acres, valued at 3*l.* but at the survey at 4*l. per ann.*

In the same town, *Torn,* a freeman, held in King *Edward's* time, one carucate in demean, with 3 villains, 4 borderers, 3 servi, and 2 acres and a half of meadow, half a carucate of the tenants, a fishery, and one cow, &c. and 3 socmen 5 acres of land, valued at 20*s. per ann.* The whole was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 16*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.

Four freemen also, in King *Edward's* time, had 65 acres. *Ralph,* son of *Herluine,* held this also, under *Bigot.*

At the survey there was a carucate, and 2 oxgangs, then valued at 16*s.* at the survey at 4*s.*[7]

All this, thus enjoyed by *Roger Bigot* at the survey, ancestor of the *Bigots,* Earls of *Norfolk,* was confirmed or granted to *John* Lord *Strange,* by *Hugh Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk,* in the reign of *Henry* II. (who was capital lord) and it appears that the Lord *Strange* was heir to *Herluin,* and *Ralph* his son, whose son, *Reginald,* sirnamed *Le Brun,* was uncle to *John Le Strange,* son of *John Le Strange,* nephew and heir of the said *Reginald.*

In 1195, there was a fine levied between *Robert Mortimer* and *John Le Strange,* of 5 knights fees in *Hunstanton, Ringstead, Snetterton,* and *Tottington,* all which *Robert* acknowledged to belong to *John* and his heirs, who gave *Robert* in return, certain lands at *Totington.*

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[7] H. Smetheduna. Terra Rogeri Bigoti——— Hunestatuna tenet Rad. fil. Herluini ii car. in d'nio. qd. ten. i lib. ho. T.R.E. tnc. et p. xii vill. mo. vi semp. vi bor. tnc. et p. iii ser. mo. ii tnc. et p. vi car. ho'um et v ac. mo. v et dim. tnc. i mol. mo. ii et i pisc. sep. i r. tnc. i an. silva xl porc. tnc. xvi por. mo. li hic lxxx ov. mo. lv. vasa apu. hic jacent ii soc. x ac. ide' tnc. et p. val. iii lib. mo. iiii.———In eade' tenuit Torn. lib. ho. T.R.E. i car. in d'nio. tnc. iii vill. mo. ii tnc. iiii bord. mo. v tnc. et p iii s. et ii et dim. p'ti. semp. dim. car. ho'um i pisc. tnc. i vac. tnc. xxx ov. et iii soc. v ac. t're. sep. val. xx sol. totu' ht. i leug. in long. et i leu. in lato et reddit xvid. de xx sol. de gelto.

In Hunestuna iiii libi. ho'es. T.R.E. lxv ac. qu's tenet Radulfus fi. h. tc. i car. mo. ii bov. tc. val. xvi sol. mo. iiii.

However, it is certain, that the *Albinys*, Earls of *Arundel* and *Sussex*, had a considerable, if not the greatest interest herein, *Roger Bigot* enfeoffing *William de Pincerna*, the King's butler, founder of the *Arundel* family, (on his marriage with *Maud* his daughter) in 10 knights fees, in this county, and *Snetterton* was a part of the same.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. *John Le Strange* was found to hold in this town, *Ringstead, Holm, Snetterton*, &c. 5 fees of the castle of *Rysing*, which right he had, as appears by this, from the marriage of *Joan*, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Roger Somery* Lord *Dudley*, and *Nichola* his wife, one of the sisters and coheirs of *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel*, into this family.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *John Le Strange* held 2 fees here, of the castle of *Rysing*. The *Le Stranges* who held this, performed duty for it, called castle guard, at *Rising* castle, (where was a tower that was called *Stranges*, or *Hunstanton* tower) and of which *Nicholas Le Strange* died seized in the 22d of *Elizabeth*, and the family is at this time lord of this.

There were also other tenures depending on this fee of *Bigot*.

MUSTRELL'S MANOR.

In the 30th of *Henry* III. Sir *Roger de Mustrell* was living; in the 37th of that King, *Robert le Marshall* was found guilty of breaking the pound of *Robert de Musteroyl* in this town; and in the 52d of that King, *Richard de Boyland* had a power, by fine, then levied, to distrain for rent due to the prioress of *Carhow*, by leave from *Hamon Mounstrell*, in this manor; and *Adam de Mustrell* gave to his son *Hamon*, lands here, in the 7th of *Edward* I.

Thomas de Aldingshelde, and *Beatrix* his wife, conveyed to *Simon*, son of *Robert Fransham*, of *Hitcham*, the manor of *Mustrell's Hall*, in the 26th of *Edward* III. and in the 3d of *Richard* II. *John Chambers*, or *Atte-Chamber*, son and heir of *Beatrix Lovell*, released to *Simon*, son of *Robert Fransham*, all his right in *Mustrell's Hall*, in *Hunstanton*.

Sir *Robert Knolls*, in the 6th of *Henry* IV. had an interest herein; but in the 11th of *Henry* VI. Sir *Philip Redford*, and *Alianore* his wife, conved it with lands in *Hitcham*, &c. valued at 28*l*. *per ann.* to *Henry Nottingham*, of *Holm*. *Robert Timperley* and *Joane* his wife, in the 10th of *Edward* IV. passed it to *Henry Smith* and *James Hobart*, with a fold course in this town.

After this, it came to the *L'Estranges*, and *Thomas L'Estrange* died seized of it in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. held of the Earl of *Arundel*, by the fourth part of a fee, as did Sir *Nicholas* in the 22d of *Elizabeth*.

In the same family it still continues, united with the other manors.

In some accounts that I have seen, this manor of *Mustrell's*, is said to belong to the Earls of *Clare*, of whom they certainly held lands in this town, but on account of the aforesaid inquisitions, I have here placed it.

John, nephew of *Waleran*, held a lordship here, which the same freeman, (viz. *Bou*, as in *Ringsted*) held in the Confessor's time, when there were 2 carucates of land, 5 borderers, 3 servi, and 2 acres of meadow, of the men, one cow, &c. and a socman had 5 acres, valued at 20*s.* at the survey at 40*s. per ann.* and a church without any glebe.[8]

All *Ringsted*, under which this is charged, is one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and pays 8*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.

CLARE-FEE, OR LOVELL'S MANOR.

How long it continued in *Waleran's* hands, does not appear; it probably came soon after to the *Giffards* Earls of *Buckingham*, and by a daughter and heiress of that family, by marriage, into the family of the *Clares*, about the end of *Henry* II's reign.[9]

John Lovell was lord of it in the 21st of *Edward* I. and in the 5th of *Edward* II. *John Lovell* of *Titchmersh*, settled by fine this manor, with one in *Walpole*, on *William Lovell* and his heirs.

William Lovell, in the 20th of *Edward* III. held 2 parts of a fee of the Lady *Elizabeth de Burgh*, and was found to have free warren; and in the 22d of *Richard* II. *William Lovell* had one fee here, in *Walpole* and *Walton*, of *Roger Mortimer*, Earl of *March*, of the honour of *Clare*.

About this time, *Thomas de Aldingshelds* and *Beatrix* his wife, also appear to have had an interest herein, which they conveyed to *Simon*, son of *Robert de Fransham.*

William Lovell held one fee here, &c. in the 3d of *Henry* VI. and in the 11th of that king, Sir *Philip Redford* and *Alianore* his wife, had an interest in it, which, with 50 acres of land in this town and *Hecham*, they granted to *Henry Nottingham* of *Holm*, &c.

After this, *Robert Fitz-Simon* held it; and in the 10th of *Edward* IV. *Robert Timperley* and *Joan* his wife, daughter and heir of *Robert Fitz-Symon*, possessed it.

After this, it came into the family of *Le Strange*, and so continues united to the other lordships.

Alfric, Bishop of *Elmham*, in King *Canute's* time, had lands here, as appears from his will, which land, at *Hunstanestune*, by *Esten-Broke*, he gives to St. *Edmund*,—that is to *Bury* abbey;[1] these words by Eastern *Brooke*, bespeak the site of the land, which no doubt, was near to the rivulet, (which, as I have observed,) gave name to the town, and by which *Hunstanton-Hall* is seated.

The tenths were 8*l.* 12*s.* Deducted 1*l.* 12*s.* being paid by the religious for their lands.

There was an ancient family of the name of *De Hunstanton.* In the 4th of King *John*, as appears by a fine, that *Ralph Hunstanton* bought of *Ralph Le Strange*, 40 acres of land here; and *Roger de Hunstanton* was living in the reign of King *Henry* II. and had exported corn without license, as was not lawful to be done then, and was fined on that account.

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[8] Terre Johis nepotis W. H. de Smethetuna.————Hunestanestuna tenuit Johannes, idem T. R. E. tc. ii car. p. i mo. ii sep. iiii tc. et p. v bor. mo. vii tc. et p. iii ser. mo. iiii et ii ac. p'ti. sep. ho'um. tc. i vac. mo. viii an. mo. xl por. tc. i ov. mo. xl et iii vasa apu'. et i soc. v ac. tc. et p. val. xx sol. mo. xl i eccla sine t'ra. Tota Rincsteda ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et redd. de xx sol.

[9] See in Walpole.

[1] Regist. Pincebeck, fol. 322.

Elfride de Hunston was one of the jury for this hundred in the 3d of *Edward* I.

Hunstanton Hall, the ancient seat of the family of *Le Strange*, was built at several times, and consists chiefly of an oblong square; before the front runs a pretty stream or rivulet, (which I have before mentioned) walled on each side, to preserve it clean and regular, serving not only as an ornament, but as a moat or guard to the house; over this is a bridge, leading to the gate-house, which, with the wings and buildings on each side, were erected by Sir *Roger Le Strange*, in the reign of *Henry* VII. as may be seen by his arms, carved on the stone-work, on one side of the great arch, and by that of his lady, a *Heydon*; Quarterly, *argent* and *gules*, a cross ingrailed, counterchanged on the other.

In the windows of the hall were, in the painted glass, many arms of the families into which the *Le Stranges* married; and in the great dining room which is above stairs, on the summit of the wainscot, are painted in their proper colours, the following shields of their matches:

Le Strange impaling *Vernon*, *or*, on a fess, *azure*, three garbs, (or wheat-sheafs) of the first; also impaling *Camois*, *argent*, on a chief, *gules*, three pleats; impaling *Walkfare*, *argent*, a lion rampant, *sable*, on his shoulder, a mullet, *or*, with *Morieux*, *gules*, on a bend, *argent*, nine billets, *sable*; impaling *Beman* or *Beaumont*, *or*, a cinquefoil pierced, *gules*, with *Pike*, *argent*, three piles, wavy, *gules*; and *Rushbrook*, *sable*, a fess between three roses, *or*; also *Lestrange* impaling *Drury*, *argent*, on a chief, *vert*, a tau between two mullets, *or*; impaling *Le Strange*, of *Warwickshire*, *gules*, two lions passant, guardant, *or*, crowned *or*; impaling *Vaux*, checque, *argent* and *gules*, on a chevron, *azure*, three cinquefoils, *or*; impaling *Fitz-Williams*, lozengy, *argent* and *gules*; and *Hide*, *azure*, between three lozenges, *or*; impaling *Hastings*, *or*, a maunch, *gules*; impaling *Yelverton*, *argent*, three lions rampant, and a chief, *gules*; impaling *Bell*, *sable*, a fess, *ermine*, between three bells, *argent*; impaling *Stubbs*, *sable*, on a bend, between three phæons, as many round buckles of the first; impaling *Lewknor*, *argent*, three chevronels, *azure*.

By the sea side on the cliff, stands some remains of the old chapel of St. *Edmund*, built chiefly of the chalk-stone out of the cliff; it had one window, on the north side to the sea, with a north door, and a door on the south side, with 3 windows, and one at the east end: it is now all open, great part of the walls, which were about five feet thick, being dilapidated, and seems to have been built about the reign of *Edward* I.

Near to this old chapel stands a light-house for ships.

The temporalities of *Norwich* priory were in 1428, 4*s*.

The CHURCH was a rectory, valued at 27 marks, and granted by *John* Lord *Strange*, in the reign of *Henry* III. to the abbey of *Haughmond*, in *Shropshire*, founded by *William Fitz-Alan*, which *Alan*, father of this *William*, gave this lordship to *Guy le Stranges*.[2]

It was frequently a practice (as may be observed in all history) in ancient days, for lords of manors, out of gratitude and respect, to grant the right and patronage of their churches to the abbies or priories that were founded by their capital lords, by whom they were enfeoffed of the said manor.

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[2] This is a further proof that this family came into England with Alan, son of Flaald, &c.

On this it was appropriated to the aforesaid abbey, and a vicarage was settled, to which the abbot presented, and the Bishop of *Norwich* nominated ; valued at 10 marks. *Peter*-pence 5*d. ob.*

It is said to have been appropriated to provide flesh and fish for the convent.

Sporle priory alien had a portion of 30*s. per ann.* out of this church, granted in the reign of *Henry* VI. to *Joan,* queen dowager of *England.*

The spiritualities of *West Derham* abbey, with *Winwaloy* priory, were 13*s.* 4*d.* The present valor of the vicarage is 12*l.*

The church is dedicated to the Virgin *Mary,* is a large regular building, with a north and south isle, and nave, and a chancel, all covered with lead, and at the west end of the north isle, is a strong foursquare tower, with one bell.

In the centre of the chancel stands a most noble and beautiful altar monument of marble, curiously ornamented with brass, and the portraiture of a knight in complete armour, having on his surtout the arms of *L'Estrange,* quartering *Vernon, Camois, Walkfare, Morieux, Pike, Rushbrook,* &c. with his crest on his helmet, a lion passant, guardant; over his head have been 2 brass shields, with the arms of *L'Estrange,* impaling *Heydon,* one of which still remains, and two at his feet, now one remaining, quarterly *L'Estrange* and *Morieux,* also one on each side of him, now reaved.

On each side of this, is a rim or fillet of brass, setting forth the pedigree of the family, with their portraiture and arms, since their settlement here, some of which are now reaved.

On the right side Sir *Hamon L'Estrange,* impaling *Vernon ; Hamon L'Estrange,* Esq. and *Camois;* Sir *John L'Estrange,* and *Walkfare* and *Morieux ; John L'Estrange,* Esq. and *Bemond, Pike* and *Rushbrook.* On the left side *Roger L'Estrange,* Esq. and *Bebe, John L'Estrange,* Esq. and *de Park ; Henry L'Estrange,* Esq. and *Drury ;* and Sir *Roger L'Estrange* and *Heydon.*

On the foot of the monument,

Remembrer a moy,—remembyr L'Estrange.

On a fillet of brass round the edge of the stone,

Orate pro a'i'a. - - - - -.

Orate p. a'i'a. p. nominati Rogeri Le Strange, militis p. corpore illustrissimi nup. regis Anglie Hen. VII. ac filii et hered. Henrici L'estrange, armigi. fratris et heredis Joh's. L'estrange, filii et heredis Rogerii L'estrange, filii et heredis tam Johs. L'estrange qua' Alicie Bemant consanguinee et heredis Johs. Pyke et Johs. Ruschebroke, et dictus Johs. L'estrange, fuit filius et hæres tam Johs. L'estrange, militis, qua' Elianoro filie et heredis tam Rici. Walkfare, militis, qua' consanguinee et heredis. Tho. Moreaux, militis et dictus Johs. Lestrange, Miles, fuit filius et heres Hamonis Lestrange, armigi et Katerine filie D'ni. Johs. Camois, et dictus Hamo Lestrange fuit filius et heres Hamonis Lestrange, militis, et Margarete Vernon de Mottron, consan-

guinee et heredis magistri Rici. Vernon, et dictus Hamo Lestrange, miles, fuit frater Johs. Lestrange, D'ni. de Knocken et Mohun.—Qui quidem Rogerus Lestrange, miles, obt. 27 *die Octob. Ao. Dni.* 1506, *et nup. regis dicti* 21, *cuj; a' ie et a' i' ab; antecessor. benefactor. suor. nec non a' i' e. Johs. Lestrange de Massingham Pa. armigi. fratris et executoris precitati Rogi. Lestrange, militis, Deus p' pitietur. Amen.*

On the pavement lie several gravestones of marble, in memory of this family here buried, and others.

Here lies the body of Elizabeth Calthorp, daughter of Sir Cristopher Calthorp, Kt. of the Bath, of East Barsham in Norfolk, the eldest of 14 *children,* 9 *daughters and* 5 *sons, by his Lady Dorothy, daughter of Sir William Spring, baronet, of Pakenham in Suffolk, born Feb.* 27, 1666, *died Feb.* 20, 1745; with the arms of *Calthorp.*

In memory of Dame Anne Lestrange, wife of Sir Thomas Lestrange, baronet, daughter of Sir Christopher Calthorp, born August 8, 1685, *died Febr.* 4, 1742; with the arms of *Lestrange* and *Calthorp,* in an escutcheon of pretence.

For

Theophila Legard, wife of Charles Legard, Esq. bencher of Grey's Inn, who died Oct. 23, 1661.

Alicia uxor Ham. Le Strange mil. obt. Nov. 28, 1656, *aged* 71; with the arms of *Le Strange* and *Stubbs.*

On a marble gravestone,

Hamo Extraneus, miles, obt. 31 *Maij,* 1654, *ætat. suæ* 71.

In terris peregrinus eram, nunc incola cæli.
In Heaven at home, o blessed change!
Who while I was on earth, was Strange.

Charles Lestrange, 7th son of Sir Nicholas Lestrange, and Dame Anne, born Apr. 3, 1647, *died August* 25, 1698.

Dame Mary Lestrange, wife of Sir Nicholas Lestrange, baronet, died Decr. 10, *aged* 32.—*Lestrange* impaling *Coke.*

Within the rails of the altar, gravestones of marble, for

Sir Nicholas Lestrange, Bt. eldest son of Sir Hamon Lestrange, Kt. died July 24, 1655, *aged* 52; with the arms of *Lewknor* impaled.

Dame Anne Lestrange, wife of Sir Nicholas Lestrange, Bt. daughter of Sir Edwd. Lewknor, died July 15, 1663, *aged* 51; with the same arms.

Sir Nicholas Lestrange, Bt. 2d son of Sir Nicholas Lestrange, Bt. died Decr. 13, 1669, *ætat.* 37; *Lestrange* impaling *Cook* and *Isham.*

Against the north wall an altar monument under a lofty arch of stone work, carved, and thereon the letters *H.* and *K.* in many places;

Orate p. a'i'ab; Henricus Lestrange armigeri et Katerini uxoris ejus p. benefactorib; suor. et p. fidelib; defunctis, qui quidem Henricus *obt. vicessimo quinto die mensis Novem. Ao. Dni.* 1485, *quor. a'i'ab; p'pitietur, Deus, &c.*

At the 4 corners of the slab of marble, *Lestrange* quartering *Walkfare* and *Morieux*, impaling *Drury*.

On the south side of this chancel,—Sir *Robert Ratcliff*, Knight, who married *Katherine*, relict of the aforesaid *Henry Lestrange*, by his last will, dated on the vigil of St. *Catherine* the Virgin, 1496, bequeaths his body to be buried, and his tomb to be made of free-stone, with a marble on the top thereof, with the image of his person, and his two wives, and proved May 19, 1498, but here are no remains of it, if it was ever built.[3]

Here also was buried by her husband, *Amy Lestrange*, widow of Sir *Roger Lestrange*, daughter of Sir *Henry Heydon*, according to her will, proved *Janury* 15, 1510.*

At the east end of the nave by the pulpit,

Orate p. a'i'ab; Hamonis Le Straunge et Katerine uxoris.

This is in memory of *Hamon Le Strange*, and *Catherine Camois*.

In the nave,

Henricus Day, clericus, filius 7timus Tho. Daye de Scoulton, armig. et Barbaræ uxoris ejus, qui p. annos 29, *eximia pietate et assiduâ curâ vicarij officium hujus ecclesiæ præstitit, obt.* 21 *die Julij, ao. ætat. suæ* 54, *Ao. Dni.* 1703. Arms, on a chief indented, two mullets.

In the church, at the north-east corner of the chancel, is a tumulus.

VICARS.

1306, *Simon de Wyckford* instituted vicar, nominated by the Bishop of *Norwich*, and presented by the abbot and convent of *Haghemon*.
1308, *Gilbert Walsam. Ditto.*
1325, *William Lasset. Ditto.*
1349, *Robert de Hunstanton. Ditto.*
1361, *Richard Norton. Ditto.*
1372, *Thomas de Shirburn. Ditto.*
1374, *Jeffrey Navern. Ditto.*
1412, *Thomas Wodeward. Ditto.*
1436, *William Trunch. Ditto.*
1460, *William Dykkys. Ditto.*
Richard Cooper.
1502, *Hugh Kestyrn. Ditto.*
1507, *Richard Taylor.*
1527, *William Phelipson.*
1550, *John Legge*, by the King.
1554, *Robert Wilkenson*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1555, *George Blunt*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1581, *Christopher Crotch*, by the Queen. In 1603, he certified there were 60 communicants.

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[3] Regist. Horne in Cur. Prerog. Cant. Lond. fol. 23.

* Regr. Johnson Norw. fol. 5.

1615, *Robert Burward,* by the Bishop of *Ely.*

1631, *William Harris,* by the King, in the vacancy of the see of *Ely.*

1662, *John Gibson,* by the Bishop of *Ely.*

Tim. Swift.

1674, *Henry Day. Ditto.*

1703, *John Wilson. Ditto.*

1719, *Edmund Wilson. Ditto.*

1754, *Rash Bird. Ditto.*

In this church were the guilds of St. *Mary,* St. *Nicholas,* St. *Catherine,* St. *Edmund,* the King, and St. *John Baptist.*

HOLM BY THE SEA,

So called from its site by the water, and to distinguish it from *Holme,* in South *Greenhow* hundred, &c. *Holm* bespeaks a watery vale.

Part of this town was possessed by a freeman, in the days of the Confessor, who being expelled by the Conqueror, it was farmed of him, or took care of by *Godric* at the survey, consisting of 40 acres, 3 borderers, and one carucate, valued at 10*s.* and St. *Bennet* (that is the abbot of *Ramsey*) had the soc.[4]

This came after to *Alan,* son of *Flaald,* and so the *Stranges,* as in *Hunstanton* manor, by the gift of the King; and *William de Albiny's* (ancestor to the Earls of *Arundel*) lordship in *Hunstanton* extending here, came also into the same family.

In the 3d of *Henry* III. *John Le Strange* held here and in *Hunstanton* one fee and a quarter, of the barony of *Mileham;* and in the 3d of *Edward* I. *John Le Strange* was presented to hold in this town, *Hunstanton,* &c. 5 fees of the castle of *Rising;* and *Hamon Le Strange* held the same in the 20th of *Edward* III. and in this family the lordship of *Holm* continues, Sir *Henry L'Strange,* Bart. being the late lord.

HOLKHAM'S AND BERRY'S MANORS.

Bigot's manor of *Ringsted,* of which see there, extended into this town. *William Bardolf,* in the 20th of *Edward* III. held half a fee here, and in *Ringsted,* of *William Calthorp,* he of *Hamon Le Strange,* and he of *Isabel* Queen of *England,* as of the castle of *Rising,* which *William Battail* formerly held.

After this *John Battail* and *Sibill* his wife conveyed in the 40th of *Edward* III. to *William de Rugham,* and *John de Holkham,* lands and rents here, in *Ringsted,* and *Hunstanton,* from the heirs of *Sibill;* and

[4] H. de Smetheduno Terra R. qua' lib. ho. xl. ac. iii bor. et i car. et val. x Godric. servat. Holm ten. T. R. E. i sol. et S'ca. Ben. soca.

William de Kelsey and *Elizabeth* his wife, convey their parts from the heirs of *Elizabeth,* to *John de Holkham.*

This *John* made his will on the feast of St. *Stephen,* 1384, lord of the manor of *Holkham,* in this town, leaving by *Elizabeth* his wife, *Gregory* his son, and *Margaret* his wife, and a son, *John.*[5]

After this, *Richard Cause* died (as it seems) seized of it in the 19th of *Edward* IV. and in the 35th of *Henry* VIII. *Richard Everard,* and *Lucia* his wife, conveyed it to *Thomas Stone,* with 140 acres of land, and 4 of pasture, 5 of salt-marsh, liberty of foldage, and 4*s.* rent in this town, *Ringsted* and *Hunstanton.*

Walter Aslake of *Creke,* gives by his will, dated *February* 1, and proved *March* 7, in 1503, his manor in *Holm* to his nephew, *William Aslake,* and to *Thomas* his nephew, *Bardolph's* manor here and in *Ringsted*; and *Elizabeth Aslack,* widow, daughter and heir of *Thomas Bardolf,* Esq. and *Alice* his wife, daughter and heir of Sir *Edmund Berry,* Knt. by deed, *sans* date, grants to *Robert Clere, Robert Drury,* and *Edmund Jenny,* Knights, *John Yaxley,* serjeant at law, &c. the manor of *Willingham,* in *Suffolk,* &c. to hold for the use of the said *Elizabeth,* for life, after to *William Aslake* her son, and his heirs; remainder to *Thomas* her son; and by an inquisition taken *April* 8, in the 23d of *Henry* VIII. *William Aslack* was found to die *June* 17, 1531, seized of the aforesaid manor; and *Thomas,* son and heir of *Christopher Playters,* and *Elizabeth* his wife, sister of the said *William,* was his heir.

In the 7th of *Edward* VI. *Richard Aslack* appears by the escheat rolls, to die seized of several messuages and lands in this town, *Ringsted* and *Hunstanton,* held by knight's service, of *Elizabeth,* widow of Sir *Henry Parker,* heir to Sir *Philip Calthorp,* and *William* was his son and heir.

Aslack bore *sable,* a chevron, between three *Catherine* wheels, *argent.*

The *Bardolfs* and *Berrys,* lords of this manor, had an interest in the patronage of the same.

By an inquisition, taken on *October* 20, in the 26th of *Elizabeth, William Playters* of *Sotterly* in *Suffolk,* Esq. was found to die seized of the lordships of *Berries* and *Holkham,* in *Holm,* held of ——— *Le Strange,* as of his manor of *Hunstanton,* in soceage, by fealty, valued at 3*l. per ann.* with the manors and advowsons of *Sotterley, Uggeshale,* and *Elloughe,* and the reversion of the lordship of *Breseworth,* or *Brusyerd,* in *Suffolk:* he died *June* 6, in the aforesaid year, and *Thomas* was found to be his son and heir, aged 18 years.

From the *Playters* (as I take it) it came to the *Spilmans,* and Sir *John Spilman,* son of Sir *Henry,* and *Roger,* son of Sir *John,* and *Charles Spilman* of *Congham,* were lords; which last sold it to ——— *Basset* of *Lynn.*

After this it came to *Thomas Rogers,* Esq. of *Dersingham;* and Mr. *Case* of *Mildenhale* is the present lord, who purchased it of Mr. *Reneaut.*

The Lord *Bardolf* had also a manor here and in *Ringsted;* of which see there.

William de Scohies had also a lordship in this town which 2 freemen held in King *Edward's* time, with 40 acres, and 3 borderers; there was always belonging to it a carucate and an half, which was valued in his manor of *Bircham;* also another freeman, with half a carucate of land, &c. valued at *5s.*[6] was ejected, who held it before the conquest.

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[5] Regist. Haydon Norw.

This lordship came from *Scohies* to *Walter Giffard*, Earl of *Bucks*, and from that family to the Earls of *Clare*, as may be seen in *Bircham Magna* and *Ringstead Parva.*

Gilbert de Clare, Earl of *Gloucester* and *Hereford*, held here, in *Bircham* and *Ringstead Parva*, one fee in capite, which *Nicholas de Bircham* formerly held of the honour of *Clare.*

In the 8th of *Edward* II. the heirs of *William Bemond* were found to hold here, &c. the fourth part of a fee of the said honour, as did *Matthew Cachevache.* The Lady *Elizabeth de Burgh*, held it in *capite* in the 29th of *Edward* III. as did *Roger Mortimer*, Earl of *March*, in the 22d of *Richard* II. and *Edmund Mortimer*, Earl of *March*, in the 3d of *Henry* VI.

It came afterwards to the *Stranges*, and *Hamon Le Strange* of *Hunstanton*, held it in the 22d of *Elizabeth*, of the King, as heir to the Earl of *March*, and part of the honour of *Clare.*

In that family it remained; Sir *Henry Le Strange*, Bart. died seised of it.

BAYNARD'S MANOR.

This town gave name to a family who held lands by knight's service. *Godfrey de Holme*, in the 16th of *Edward* I. was acquitted of performing suit to the court of *James*, son of *Jeffrey Banard*, of *Holme*, for lands granted by *Cassandra*, wife of *Geffrey*, to *Nicholas de Holm*, on paying *2d. per ann.* for all services; and in the 18th of the said King, *George*, son of *Laurence de Holm*, impleaded the abbot of *Lilleshall* in *Shropshire*, for the advowson of the church of St. *Mary de Hulmo*, by the Sea, of which his ancestor was possessed in the time of King *Richard* I. but *George* not appearing, judgment was given that the abbot and his successors, should quietly enjoy it.

Thomas Holm aliened lands in the 9th of *Edward* II. to the abbey of *Ramsey*, whose manor of *Ringsted* extended into this town.

In the 14th of that reign, *Laurence de Repps* and *Joan* his wife, settled on *Henry*, son of *John de Holm* by the Sea, lands here, in *Ringsted* and *Hunstanton.*

The lords of this manor had an interest in the patronage.

In the 37th of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Thomas L'Estrange* was found to die possessed of the manor of *Baynard's* in this town and *Ringsted*, held, as then found, of the Duke of *Norfolk.*

On the death of Sir *Nicholas*, in the 34th of *Elizabeth*, it was found to be held of the manor of *Mileham.*

The honour of *Richmond* also extended here. *Bartholomew Benneyt*, one of the heirs of *James Bainard*, held in the reign of *Henry* III. the 20th part of a fee of *John de Britannia.*

Alan de Swaffham held half a fee of the said honour.

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[6] H. de Smetheduna.——Terr. W. de Scohies——Et in Holm ii lib. ho'es. xl. ac. et iii bor. sep. i car. dim. et s't. in p'tio de Brecham.——In ead. tenet ide' i lib. ho. dim. car. t're. tc. i car. p. dim. mo. ii bov. semp. val. v sol.

The tenths were 13*l.* 10*s.* Deducted 2*l.*

The temporalities of *Ramsey* abbey were valued at 5*l. per ann.* In 1428, their manor of *Ringstead Magna,* &c. extending into this town. On the dissolution, this came to the *L'Estranges;* and continued in that family until *Hamon L'Estrange,* Esq. of *Bury,* gave it with the patronage of the vicarage, to Counsellor *Johnson* of *Norwich,* on his marriage with one of his daughters and coheirs.

John Myller of *Thornham-Bishops,* by his will, in 1488, gives to the men being, and inhabiting in *Holm,* his marsh on the west side of the said town, to the use and profit of the community of the said village for ever.[7]

Sir *John Banys* of *Holme* by the Sea, here buried, leaves by his will in 1503,——"20 marks to bye a sute of vestments of whight damask for his soul, and to our Lady gild, 18 acres of freelonde on this condition that the sayd gild shall kepe my certain in the pulpitte every *Sunday* for *John Banys, Roger Banys* my fader, *Margaret* my mother, and Sir *John Lee* perpetually, and ons in the yer—— dirige, &c. and in defalt thereof, the Corpus *Christi* gild to have the sayd 18 acres, &c."[8]

The church is dedicated to the Virgin *Mary,* and is a regular pile, containing a nave, a north and south isle, with a chancel covered with lead, and a four-square tower at the west end of the south isle, with 5 bells, and was built by *Henry de Nottingham,* who was one of the council of the duchy of *Lancaster,* in the 5th and 6th, &c. of *Henry* IV.

In the 15th of *Richard* II. he sold lands here and in *Ringsted,* to Sir *John White;* is said to have been an itinerant judge in that reign, and lies buried in a chapel at the east end of the south isle, under a marble gravestone, with the effigies or portraiture of himself and wife in brass, and this epitaph;

Herry Notyngham and hys wyyff lyne here,
Yat maden this chirche, stepull and quere.
Two vestments and bells they made also,
Christ hem save therefore ffro wo.
Ande to bring ther saulls to bliss of heven
Sayth Pater and Ave withe mylde Steven.

On a brass plate here

Orate p. a'i' ab; Willi. Stele et Margerie ux's sue, cuj. a'i'e &c.

In the said isle was buried *John Grey,* who died about the year 1490, and gave to the guilds of our Lady, *Trinity,* St. *John* Baptist, and St. *Thomas,* a quarter of barley to each; to the light of the dame of the west end, 12*d.* and to that of the southgate, 12*d.* to the kiestern light, 8*d.* and that of the place 8*d.*

On a window here the effigies of a man, a woman, and 4 daughters, and - - - - - *Willi. Stone et Margerie uxoris* - - - - - - - - - - - - - *fenestram Ano. Dni. Mill'imo* - - - - -.

In the nave, a gravestone with a brass plate,

In memory of Barbara Strickland, wife of William Strickland of

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[7] Regist. Wolman Norw. p. 43.

[8] Regist. Popye Norw. p. 470.

London, grocer, daughter of Richard Stone of Holme, and Clemence his wife, who died December 15, 1582.

Against the east pillar of the nave, a mural monument, the effigies of a man and his wife, behind him 7 sons, and behind her 6 daughters, kneeling, with the arms of *Stone, argent,* three cinquefoils, *sable,* and a chief, *azure* impaling barry of six, *argent* and *sable,* a bend over all, *azure,*—— *Martindale.*

Hic jacet inclusus Ricardus Stonus in urna,
Et conjux Clemens, ex Martindalibus orta.
Quæ pueros septem genuerunt, sexq. puella,
Ex his prognatos, pronepotes atq; nepotes
Septuaginta duos longævus uterq; videbat,
Conjugio stabili vixere fideliter ambo.
Tres menses, decies sex plene et quatuor annos,
Semen ut e terra, sua sic jungenda resurget
Corpora tandem animis Christo mansura per ævum.

Here under lyeth Richard Stone and Clemens his wife, who lyved in wedlock joyfully together 64 *years and three months, of them proceeded* 7 *sons and* 6 *daughters, and from these and theirs issued* 72 *children, which the sayde Richard and Clemens to their great comfort did beholde. Richard Stone died October* 5, 1607, *in the year of his age* 87.

On a stone,

Orate p. a'i'a. Johs. Lowe et Hellene ux'is.———*Orate p. a'i'a. Roberti Lowe.*

In the chancel,

Here lyeth Barbara, the 2*d wife of Hamon L'estrange, Esq. of Pakenham in Suffolk, daughter of Edward Bullock, Esq. of Essex, who died Feb.* 15, 1704.

Arms of *L'Estrange* impaling *Bullock, gules,* a chevron between three bulls heads, caboshed, *argent,* armed *or.*

A gravestone

In memory of Mr. Francis Chaloner, customhouse officer, buried Feb. 26, 1713.

Also one for

Mr. Cremer, vicar of Ingaldesthorp.

The Church was anciently a rectory, valued at 60 marks, with the then vicarage, and the right of presentation appears to be in several hands.

In the 34th of *Henry* II. *John,* abbot of *Ramsey,* resigned all his right herein, by fine, to *John Strange,* before *John* Bishop of *Norwich, Ralph de Glanville,* the King's justiciary, *Godfrey de Lucey,* and *Richard,* Archdeacon of *Hereford*;[9] and *John L'Estrange,* son of *John L'Estrange,* and *Lucy* his wife, gave to the abbot of *Littleshall* in *Shropshire,* their right of patronage of this church; witnesses, Sir *Henry*, Sir *Roger*, and Sir *Robert*, brother to the said *John*, (whom I take to be the second Lord *Strange* of *Knockyn*) Sir *John de Hodewell*, and Sir *William de Hugfort* (the deed being sans date.)

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[9] Regist. Abbat. de Littleshale, penes Dom. - - - Leveson, olim.

John Le Strange, and the Lady *Joan de Somery* (his wife) confirmed the donation of this church, made by their ancestors, to *Littleshale* abbey; witnesses, *Roger Spurgehose*, then sheriff of *Shropshire*, Sir *Hugh Burnel*, Sir *Reginald de Lee*, and Sir *Adam de Chetwynde*, dated at *Knokyn* 4 cal. *Febr.* 1280.

William, son of *Alan de la Sale de Swaffham*, conveyed his right to *Ralph*, abbot of *Littleshale*, in the 14th of *Edward* I.

On *August* 19, 1398, the rectory was appropriated to the aforesaid abbey, by *Henry Spencer* Bishop of *Norwich*, and a vicarage settled and endowed.

On the dissolution of religious houses, the impropriate rectory came to the Crown; and on the 8th of *March*, in the 8th of *Elizabeth*, was granted to *Roland Hayward*, and *Thomas Dyxon*, and was afterwards possessed by *Richard Stubbs*, Esq. who, by deed, dated *May* 21, in the 15th of King *James* I. settled it on *Hamon Le Strange*, younger son of Sir *Hamon Le Strange* of *Hunstanton*, and of *Alice* his wife, with 96 acres of land here, in *Hunstanton*, *Ringsted*, *Magna* and *Parva*, late *Thomas Bygg's*, Gent. remainder to *Roger L'Strange*, another son of the aforesaid *Hamon*, held (as said) of the honour of *Clare*, and paying 6*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.*

The abbot of *Ramsey* had a portion of tithe valued at one mark, in this church, in 1428, and the cellarer of *Norwich*, a pension of 4*s.* *per ann.* The portion of *Ralph Berry* at 2 marks, that of the prior of *Sporle* at 3 marks. *Peter*-pence, 2*s.*

The vicarage is now valued at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

In the 19th of *Edward* I. the abbot of *Littleshale* gave half a mark for license of agreement with *William de Sale of Swaffham*, in a plea concerning the patronage of this church.

The patronage of the rectory was in the Lord *Strange*.

RECTORS.

William de Tregos was rector in the time of *William de Ralegh* Bishop of *Norwich*.

In 1299, *Richard de Roulesham*, instituted rector, presented by the abbot and convent of *Littleshale*.

1301, *William de Morton*, by *ditto*.

In 1308, *William Godram*, instituted into a portion of tithe issuing out of the demeans of *Henry de Berry*, presented by the said *Henry*.

1317, *Paul de Sudbury* instituted to a portion belonging to the demeans of the late *James Banyard*, presented by *John le Curzoun*, and *Richmaya* his wife.

1324, *Thomas Stywerd*, of the portion of *Henry Berry*, presented by *Henry Berry*.

1330, *Adam Popey*, to *Curzon's* portion, by *John Curzoun*, Knt. and *Richolda* his wife.

1331, *John Thrillow*, to *Berry's* portion, by *Henry Berry*.

1369, *William Ellerton*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

John Scarle.

1379, *Alexander de Massingham*, by the abbot and convent.

VICARS.

In 1398, *Henry* Bishop of *Norwich* appropriated this rectory to the aforesaid abbey, and in *November*, the said year, *Robert de Pychford* was presented to the vicarage, by the said abbot and convent.

1410, *John Grey. Ditto.*
1417, *John Hachard, ditto*; the vicarage then valued at 10 marks.
1451, *Roger Burney. Ditto.*
1483, *John Lye. Ditto.*
1493, *John Banys.*[1] *Ditto.*
1504, *Edward Lye. Ditto.*
1507, *William Brook. Ditto.*
1511, *William Hempton. Ditto,*
1539, *Lanc. Southeke. Ditto.*
1573, *Richard Todd,* collated by the Bishop, a lapse.
1601, *Thomas Wilson,* by the Queen; he returned 140 communicants.
1604, *William Read,* by the King.
1609, *James Pilkington,* by Sir *Hamon Le Strange.*
1611, *James Smith,* by the King.
1633, *John Parvish,* by the King.
Christopher Fisher, vicar, 1662.
1670, *John May,* by the King.
1675, *John Hodson,* by the King.
1704, *William Cremer,* by the King.
1736, *Archibald Kerr,* presented by *Hamon Le Strange,* Esq. of *Bury.*
1761, *Edward Castleton,* by *James Johnson,* Esq.

Here were the guilds of St. *Mary,* St. *John* Baptist, St. *Thomas* the Martyr, and the Holy Trinity; the plough-light, the star-light; *Westgate*-daunce, and *Southgate* daunce.

John de Happesburgh was collated vicar by *Thomas Blundevile* Bishop of *Norwich*; and *William de Ralegh,* bishop, collated *Thomas de Norwich,* but *William de Tregoz,* rector, and his patron, the Lord *John Le Strange,* appealing against it, and requiring the vicarage to be consolidated to his rectory, it was agreed that *Thomas,* the vicar, should enjoy his vicarage for life, and should after be consolidated to the rectory; dated at *Gaywod,* 4 kal. *Augi* Pontific. *ao.* 4.

In *December,* 1626, a great whale was cast on the shore here, the wind blowing strong at north-west, 57 feet long, the breadth of the nose end 8 feet, from nose end to the eye, 15 feet and a half, the eyes about the same bigness as those of an ox, the lower chap closed, and shut about 4 feet short of that of the upper; this lower chap narrow towards the end, and therein were 46 teeth, like the tusks of an elephant, the upper one had no teeth, but sockets of bones to receive the teeth: 2 small fins only, one on each side, and a short small fin on the back: it was a male, had a pizzle about 6 feet long, and about a foot in diameter near its body; the breadth of the tail from one outward tip to the other, was 13 feet and an half.—The profit made of it was 217*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* and the charge in cutting it up and managing it came to 100*l.* or more.

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[1] Wills in 1504, to be buried in the chancel, at Westead, where we rede the legend: he gave to our Lady's gild 18 acres of free land, for his obit, &c.

INGALDESTHORP.

THE principal lordship of this town was in King *Edward's* time possessed by *Torvert,* a freeman, who had 3 carucates in demean, 10 villains, 15 borderers, 2 servi, with 50 acres of meadow; there were at that time, 3 carucates amongst the men, 2 mills and a salt-pit, 5 fisheries, 8 horses, 14 mares, &c. 340 sheep, and three freemen had a carucate, and 37 acres of land.

Peter Lord *Valoins* had a grant of this on the expulsion of *Torvert,* to whom belonged their right of foldage and protection, but *Stigand* had the soc, when it was valued at 9*l. per ann.* at the survey at 10*l.* but 12*l. per ann.* was paid for it, and was half a leuca long, and 5 furlongs broad, and paid 12*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.[2]

Some suppose this town to take its name from one *Ingulph,* a *Saxon,* who was lord of it; but it is more probable it derives its name from a small rivulet that runs by it, called now corruptly *Ingol,* but formerly *Eulves,* and in the grand survey, *Eulves-Thorp,* and also *Thorp* alone, without any additional name, and lying by meadows, and marshes, obtained the additional word *Ing,* and so *Ingeulves-Thorp,* or *Ingaldesthorp.*

Of the family of the Lords *Valoins* and their descendants, a particular account may be seen in *Dersingham,* where also they had the capital lordship.

Ralph Fucatus held it in the Conqueror's reign, of *Peter* Lord *Valoins;* and *Fulk de Munpinzun* was lord of it in right of his wife, *Agnes,* daughter and heir of *Fucatus,* by whom he had a son, *Ralph.*

About the 3d of *Henry* III. *Giles de Montepinzun* was found to hold three knights fees in this town, of *Yghulvesthorp* and *Riburgh,* in *Norfolk,* and in *Beleden* in *Essex.*[3]

Giles, son of *Ralph,* was lord in the 34th of that King, and held it, as appears by a pleading of *Isabella,* wife of *David Comyn.* Sir *Giles* was a knight banneret, and died about 1320.

In the 9th of *Edward* I. Sir *John de Monpinzun* had a charter for free warren in this manor, and that of *Ryburgh*; and in the 27th of that King, this lordship was settled by fine on *Giles de Mountpinzun* and *Eustachia* his wife, and their heirs, by *Oliver de Mountpinzun,* &c. their trustees.[4]

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[2] Terre Petri Valoniensis. H. de Smetheduna ——— In Eulvesthorp tenuit t'p'e. R. E. Torvert lib. ho. iii car. in d'nio p. i mo. iii tc. et p. x villi. mo. vii sep. xv bor. tc. et p. ii ser. mo. v et l ac. p'ti. tc. iii car. ho'um. p. et mo. ii semp. ii mol. et i sal. tc. v pisc. tc. viii r. mo. iiii tc. xiiii eque tc. v an. tc. lx por. mo. xv tc. cccxl ovs. mo. cccc xx et iii lib. ho'es. xxxviii ac. t're. i car. de his habuit suus antecess. soca' falde, et comd' Stigandus soca. alia' tc. et p. val. ix lib. et mo. x sed reddit xii lib. totu' ht. dim. leug. in long et v qr. in lat. q'icq; ibi teneat et reddit xiid. de xx sol. de gelto.

[3] Testa de Nevil.

[4] Of this family, and Walkfare, &c. see in Ryburgh Magna.

William, son of Sir *Gyles*, conveyed it by fine, in the 7th of *Edward* II. to *Robert*, son of *John Walkefare*, and *Margaret* his wife, together with the advowson of this church, who occurs lord in 1327.

After this, Sir *Richard Walkefare* inherited it; and in 1349, the Lady *Eufemia de Walkefar* presented to this church.

Of this family was Sir *Thomas de Walkefare*, who signalized himself at the battle of *Poytiers* in *France*; and in the 31st of *Edward* III. had from that King, a safe conduct for his prisoner, Sir *Tristram de Mugalies*, for *Broinard*, *Gerrard de Brois*, and *Megerdos*, the scutiferi or esquires of the said Sir *Tristram*, and for his three valets, to go on horseback or on foot, to *France*, to procure his ransom.[5]

In the 43d of the said King, Sir *Thomas Felton*, Knt. of the Garter, possessed it; but in the 8th of *Richard* II. Sir *John L'Estrange* of *Hunstanton*, and *Alianore* his wife, who was daughter and coheir of Sir *Richard Walkfar*, for 500 marks, sold their right in this and *Dersingham* manor, to the Lady *Joan*, relict of Sir *Thomas Felton*, and sister to *Alianore*; and in the 12th of that King, the Lady *Joan* settled it in trust, on *Richard de Burnham*, parson of *Queen Hithe*, in *London*.

In the 3d year of *Henry* V. *John Curson*, son of Sir *John Curson*, released to *John Clifton* and others, all his right herein, late the Lady *Felton's*. *William Curson*, Esq. son and heir of Sir *John Curson*, of *Belaugh*, released in the 28th of *Henry* VI. all his right herein, to his father, and his wife, *Joan*; and Sir *John Curson* died seized of it, as appears by his will, dated *January* 10, 1471, and gives it to *Thomas* his son and heir, who died lord in 1511, leaving *Dorothy* his wife. *John Curson*, Esq. his son and heir, inherited it, and on his death, in 1546, it descended to *William Curson*, Esq. and to his son *Thomas Curson*, Esq. by *Thomasine* his wife.

About the year 1600, *John Cremer*, Gent. was lord and patron, and by *Anne* his wife, daughter of ——— *Tash*, had *John Cremer* of *Ingaldesthorp*, who married *Margaret*, daughter of *William Boyton* of *Flitcham*, in *Norfolk*, Esq. *Francis Cremer* was his son and heir, who by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *John Pell* of *Dersingham*, Gent. had *Francis*, a son, aged 10 years, and a son *Charles*, in the year 1664; the arms of the family were *argent*, three wolves heads erased, *sable*, on a chief, *gules*, as many cinquefoils; crest, a ram's head erased.[6]

Sir *John Cremer* of *Ingaldesthorp* was high sheriff of *Norfolk* in 1660.

Robert Cremer, Gent. sold this manor about 1730, (and afterwards entered into holy orders) to *Theodore Hoste*, Esq. brother to Colonel *Hoste*, of *Sandringham*, to whom he devised it, and *Theodore Hoste*, Esq. second son of the said colonel, is the present lord, as his male heir.

Another lordship in this town, (called *Torp*) belonged to *Turchetel*, a freeman, in the Confessor's reign, which on the conquest was granted to *Roger*, son of *Renard*; to this there belonged a carucate and an half of land, 5 borderers, 2 servi, and 3 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, afterwards 6 oxgangs, or bovates, &c. half a carucate of the tenants, the moiety of a mill, and a fishery, &c. valued in *Turchill's* time at 20*s.* at the survey at 30*s.* and *Stigand* had the soc.[7]

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[5] Reymer's Fœd. v. 6, p. 23.

[6] Byshe's Visitat. 1664.

This lordship soon after this survey, came into the hands of the Earl *Warren,* and was held by the ancient family of *Ingaldesthorp,* who took their name from this town, of which family I shall treat at large in *Reynham.*

Robert de Ingaldesthorp held it of the Earl *Warren,* in the reign of King *Stephen,* also another in *Snetesham* of the Earl *Warren,* and on that account is sometimes (according to the custom of that age) wrote *Robert de Snetesham.*

In the 9th year of King *John,* a remarkable instance, relating to a murder of a person, offering itself, wherein one of the family of the *Ingaldesthorps* being concerned, I could not omit mentioning it in this place:[8]

John Chamberlain (Camerarius) then sued *Herbert de Patesle,* for the murder of *Drugo Chamberlain,* his brother, and by the King's license, the crime and punishment was thus compromised and agreed to:

Herbert was to travel to *Jerusalem,* there to serve God for the soul of *Drugo* who was slain, the space of 7 years, including the time of his going and returning, and if he returned into *England* before that time, he was to be punished as a convict; and *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp,* (whom I presume was an accessary,) was to find a monk of *Norwich, Castleacre,* or *Binham,* or a canon of *Thetford, Cokesford* or *Walsingham,* to pray for the soul of the said *Drugo,* and also to pay to his parents the sum of 40 marks.

Sir *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp* was lord in 1272, and Sir *John de Ingaldesthorp,* son and heir of Sir *William,* in the 7th of *Richard* II.

Thomas Ingaldesthorp, Esq. died possessed of it in 1421; and in 1425, King *Henry* VI. committed the custody of this manor to *Richard Elleswick,* alias *Sharnborn,* on account of the minority of *Edmund,* son of the said *Thomas,* who being afterwards a knight, left *Isabel* his sole daughter and heir, in 1456, who married *John Nevile,* (son of *Richard,* Earl of *Salisbury,* and brother to *Richard,* the great Earl of *Warwick*) created Marquis *Montacute,* and Knt. of the Garter, and slain at *Barnet-field,* in the 10th of *Edward* IV. leaving *George* his son and heir, who died without issue, in 1483, leaving 5 sisters and coheirs; but how this manor after this passed, does not appear, from any record that I have met with. It is probable that it was soon after in the *Cursons,* and so united to the aforesaid manor, as it continues at this time.

The *Ingaldesthorps* estate in *Reynham, Wimbotsham, Snetesham,* &c. in *Norfolk,* came (on a division of it among the 5 sisters and coheirs) to *Isabella,* the youngest, and so to the *Huddlestons* of *Cambridgeshire,* she marrying Sir *William Hudleston.*

The tenths were 2*l.* 16*s.* Deducted 6*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Michael,* has a nave, a north and south isle, and a chancel covered with lead, and at the west end a square tower, with 3 bells, and directly before the south porch, at about 15 feet distance, stands a stone cross It is a rectory, the present valor in the King's books is 12*l.* anciently at 12 marks, and *Peter-pence* 12*d.*

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[7] Terre Rogeri filij Renardi——— Torp ten. Turchetel lib. ho. T.R.E. i car. t're et dim. et v. bor. tc. ii s. mo. i et iii ac. p'ti. tc. ii car. in d'nio. p. vi bov. mo. i car. dim. sep. dim. car. ho'um. et dim. mol. et i pisc. sep. i r. mo. xii por. tc. xvi ov. mo. c. tc. val. xx sol. mo. xxx. Stigand soca.

[8] Rot. 9 in dorso P'lita 9 incip. 10 Johs. Term. Pasch. &c.

The priory of *Binham* had a portion of tithes valued in 1428, at four marks *per ann.*

On a gravestone in the chancel, with the arms of *Cremer,*

Hic jacet spe optima resurgendi corpus Johs. Cremer, generosi, filius quintus Johs. Cremer de Snetesham generosi, qui in uxorem duxit Margaretam filiam Gulielmi Boyton de Flitcham, armigi. et obt. Jan. 12 *Ao. Sal.* 1652, *æt* 70, *et Margaretæ uxoris ejus pientissimæ quæ obt. Mart.* 19, 1666, *ætat.* 68. *Sic placide dormiunt Martius et uxor ut olim in thalamo, nunc in tumulo.*

Boyton's arms are impaled by *Cremer,* on a fess indented between six cross crosslets, three escallops; *Cremer* impaling *ermin,* on a canton, *azure,* a pelican, *or*; *Pell.*

Franciscus, filius Johs. Cremer de Ingaldesthorp, gener. qui in uxorem duxit Margaretam filiam Johs. Pell de Dersingham arm. spe optimâ resurgendi sub hoc marmore placide dormit, et obt. Aug. 13 *Ao. S.* 1676, *ætat.* 49. *Huc tendimus omnes.*

Cremer impaling *Pell.*

Margareta pia conjux Franc. Cremer, gen. et filia Johs. Pell de Dersingham, arm. obt. 14 *Nov.* 1680, *ætat.* 50.

Elizabethæ uxoris alteræ Franci. Cremer, armigi. et filiæ Gulielmi Hartley de Brampton in agro Hunt. cœmeterium, hac vitâ migravit 26 *die Mart. Ao. ætat.* 32, *Sal.* 1681.

Cremer impaling *sable,* three lions passant in pale, *argent, English.*

Hic jacet corpus Luciæ Cremer, quæ tertia fuit uxor Franc. Cremer de hac villâ armig. unaq; ex filiabus et coheredibus Edwi. English de Brightling in comit. Sussex, armig. obt. x *Jan.* 1685, *æt.* 31.

Cremer impaling a chevron, *ermin,* between three leaves slipped, *Pearson.*

Hic jacent reliquiæ Revdi. Gulielmi Cremer, A.M. de hac villa quondam rector, obt. 1 *Apr.* 1736, *ætat.* 72, *hic juxta quoq; posita est Maria conjux sua obt.* 1737, *æt.* 67, *Sept.* 28.

The Lady *Joan Curson,* by her will, dated *July* 10, 1500, and proved *November* 30 following, widow of Sir *John Curson,* bequeaths her body to be buried in this chancel, her daughter *Ann Littleburgh* her executrix, and Sir *Robert Drury* supervisor. *Joan* was, as I take it, a daughter of ——— *Bacon.*

1612, *May* 16, *Anne,* wife of *Thomas Cremer,* here buried.—1620, *June* 17, *Thomas Cremer.*—1612, *May* 3, *Anne,* wife of *John Cremer,* junior.—1623, *Anne,* wife of *John Cremer,* senior, *November* 17.

In a window of the chancel was an *Orate p. a'i'a. Robti Walkfare, militis,* with his arms, *argent,* a lion rampant, *sable,* on his sinister shoulder, a mullet of the first; and in one of the windows of the church, *argent*, a chevron, *azure*, and in chief, a file of five points, *gules*, *Swillington*, with an *orate* for *Thomas de Swellington*.

Peter de Valoins, who was the capital lord at the survey, gave, on his founding of *Binham* priory, two parts of his tithe to that house; and *Adam*, son of *Alured*, for the souls of the Lady *Becha* his wife, and *Peter de Valoins* his grandfather, *Roger de Valoins* his uncle, *Peter de Valoins*, junior, his kinsman, gave a mansion, a croft, 3 acres in the field, one of meadow, 5 of pasture, with right of common, and a turbary.[9]

In 1275, there was an agreement between the prior of *Binham*, and Sir *Edm. de Munpinzun*, rector of this church, with the assent of Sir *Jn. de Munpinzun*, patron, and confirmed by the Bishop of *Norwich*, about the tithes of the demeans of the said Sir *John*, and of lands formerly Sir *John de Breton's*, that the rector should have the said tithe to him and his successours, paying 4 marks *per ann.* for the same to the prior and convent, under the penalty of 40*s*.

Before this, there was an agreement in the time of Bishop *Raleigh*, between the then prior, and *Hugh de Ardern*, rector, that the tithes aforesaid should belong to the prior.

RECTORS.

1327, *Andrew de Baskervyle*, presented by Sir *Robert de Walkefare*, Knt.

1349, *William Hamond*, by the Lady *Eufemia de Walkefare*.

1379, *John Syvell*, by Sir *Thomas de Felton*,

1403, *William Trendyl*, by the Bishop of *London*, &c.

Adam Okden, rector, buried, 1504.

Marmaduke Cholmly, occurs rector in 1603.

John Cremer, then patron.

Thomas Drake, rector, compounded 1609, and *Simon Davy*, in 1638.

Jonathan Catlin, rector, compounded 1644.

William Cremer occurs rector in 1696.

1736, *Thomas Groom*, junior, on *Cremer's* death, by *Thomas Harris*, Esq.

1742, *Peter Lawson*, by *Robert Lawson*, Esq.

1745, *Thomas Weatherhead*, (the present rector) presented by *Robert Lawson*, Esq.

There have been *Roman* coins found here. A small silver one of *Nero*; legend, NERO. CÆ. AVG. IMP. bare headed; Reverse, a civic crown, and PONTIF. MAX. TRIB. P. V. P. P. EX. S. C.

Also one less than a silver sixpence, an head with an helmet, no legend, the reverse, one, (but obscure) in a chariot, and 4 horses in career; under them, ROMA. and one very small, antique and rude; ——an horse in full speed, probably a *British* coin.

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[9] Regist. Binham in Bibl. Cotton.

RINGSTED MAGNA,

CONTAINS two parishes, St. *Peter's*, and St. *Andrew*, and seems to take its name from *Ring*, the name of a river in many counties: thus *Ringleton* in *Kent*, *Ringston* in *Lincolnshire*, &c. *Ringshall* in *Suffolk*, and *Ringsted* a town in *Denmark*, of great antiquity.

The principal lordship belonged to the abbey of *Ramsey*, in the time of King *Edward*, and at the survey St. *Bennet*, (that is the abbey) of *Ramsey* enjoyed it, when there were two carucates in demean, 21 villains, 5 borderers and three servi, who had 3 carucates and 5 acres of meadow, &c. and 22 socmen had one carucate of land, and 3 carucates; 2 also might be recovered in this manor. It was valued in the Confessor's time at 6*l.* at the survey at 5*l.* 10*s. per ann.* and was one leuca and an half long, one broad, and paid 42*d.* gelt. St. *Bennet* had the soc.

Thirty-one socmen were taken from it, who belonged to it in King *Edward's* time; *Rafrid* had 9 of them, and now keeps them; *William de Schoies*, and *William de Warren*, have 7, and 3 in the King's manor of *Fliceswell*, *William de Noiers* 4, *Roger Bigot* 5, and in the King's manor of *Hunstanton* was one with two acres.[1]

In the south part of the parish of East *Wretham* in *Norfolk*, is a large pit called *Ringmere Pit*, about 6 or 7 acres; here *Swain* King of Denmark fought a great battle against *Ulfketel* Earl of the *East-Angles*, in 1009.[2]

This town, with that of *Brancaster*, was given by the abbey of *Ramsey*, (as may be seen in *Brancaster*) in the reign of King *Edgar*, and in the 35th of *Henry* III. the abbot had a charter of free warren here.

In 1428, the temporalities of the said abbot were 15*l.* 11*s.* 9*d. per ann.* and at the dissolution of religious houses, King *Henry* VIII. in his 32d year, *December* 4, granted this lordship to Sir *Thomas L'Estrange*, and Sir *Henry L'Estrange*, Bart. died lord in 1760, and on a division of his estate, came to his sister and coheir, *Airmine*, married to *Nicholas Stileman*, Esq. of *Snetesham*; *Nicholas*, their son and heir, is the present lord and patron of *Snetesham*.

Another lordship in this town was given at the conquest to *Roger Bigot*, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, which *Tove*, a freeman, possessed in the days of the Confessor, consisting of one carucate in demean, 2 servi, and 5 villains, with half a carucate of the men, 2

[1] H. de Smetheduna.——Terra S'ci. Benedicti de Rameseio.—— Rincteda tenet sep. S.B. ii car. in d'nio. xxi villi. v bor. iii ser. h'ntes iii car. v. ac. p'ti. i runc. xxiiii porc. c ovs. et xxii soc. i car. t're. et iii car. et in hoc manerio posse't restaurari i car. tc. val. vi lib. mo. v et x sol. ht. i leu et dim. in long. et i leu. in lat. et xliid. de g. S'cs. B. soca' de hoc manerio ablati s't. xxxi soc. qi. ibi jacebant T.R.E. de his habuit Rafrid ix et mo. tenet eos W. de de Scohies et W. de UUar' vii et in Flicesuuella man. reg. iii et W. de Noiers iiii. Rog. Bigot v. In Hunustantana Regis i de ii ac.

[2] Stow's Annals, p. 3.

acres of meadow, and the 8th part of a mill, &c. four socmen had 10 acres, and one socman of St. *Bennet* of *Ramsey*, 2 acres, who was added to it, in the time of the Conqueror; the whole then valued at 10*s.* at the survey at 20*s. per ann.* St. *Bennet* had the soc; and this was held of *Bigot*, by *Ralph* son of *Herluine*.

In the said town, *Alstan* held in the time of the Confessor, under Archbishop *Stigand*, one carucate of land, which at the survey was possessed by *Ralph de Turuavill*, when there was one carucate of meadow valued at 5*s.* one socman also held here 6 acres, valued at 6*d.* of *Ralph*, also two socmen of St. *Bennet*, had 16 acres, and there was one carucate valued at 4*s.* and one freeman who held under *Ralph* 24 acres of land, with a carucate, &c. valued at 2*s.* This he had livery of to complete his manor, and *Ralph* has it.

Of this *Ralph*, son of *Herluine*, who held this under *Roger Bigot*, I refer the reader to *Bigot's* fee in *Hunstanton*.

John Lord *Strange* was heir to the said *Ralph*, and as such inherited it, from whom it descended to his posterity, Sir *Henry L'Estrange* being the late lord of it.

That part which *Alstan* held under *Stigand*, and *Ralph de Turuavill*, at the survey, of *Bigot*, came also to the *Stranges*.

Sir *Ralph L'Estrange* was lord of it in the reign of *Henry* II. whose two daughters and coheirs had each a right herein, *Maud* being married to *Fulco*, or (as some have it) *Jeffrey de Urri*, or *D'Oyry*, and *Emma*, to *Philip de Burnham*; part of it came to *Cecilia*, an heiress of the *Burnham* family, who brought it by marriage to Sir *William Calthorp*.

Humphrey de Wyveleshoe, and *Maud* his wife, appear to have an interest herein, and in the 25th of *Henry* III. released to *Geffrey de Mey*, all their right in the advowson of the church of *Ringsted* St. *Andrew*, to the full age of *Cecilia*, daughter and heir of *Philip de Burnham*.

In the 41st of that King, *William de Calthorp* and *Cecilia* his wife, *Michael*, son of *Humphrey Wyveleshoe*, were impleaded by the guardian of the lands, and heir of *William de Tilney*, that he might present a proper and sufficient parson to the aforesaid church of St. *Andrew*.

In the 34th of the said King, *William*, son of *Richard de Tilney*, was in a pleading found to have then a right in the advowson of the said church; and *Alice*, late wife of *Walter Fenne*, sued *William de Lindesley* for a moiety of this church about the 13th of *Edward* I.

In the 14th of *Edward* I. *W. Batail* and *Isabel* his wife, conveyed by a fine to *Philip de Fenne*, the 3d part of the advowson of St. *Andrew's* church in *Ringsted Magna*, and several messuages, lands, and a mill in *Ringsted*, *Tilney*, and *Wygenhale*; and in the 9th of *Edward* II. *Richard Battaille*, parson of the church of *Great Ringsted*, settled by fine on *William Battail* of *Ringsted Magna*, and *Isabel* his wife, 31 messuages, 310 acres of land, 33*s.* rent, and the moiety of a mill in this town, and *Holm* by the Sea, in tail.

Nicholas Batayl of *Ringsted Magna*, by his will, in 1473, desires to be buried in the church of St. *Andrew*, appoints a priest to celebrate therein, for 20 years, for his own soul;[3] gives 10 marks to the building of the new tower, and 10 marks to buy a new missale for the said church; names *Henry Straunge*, Esq. to be supervisor of it; to *Christian* his wife, for life, 30 acres of land in *Ringsted* aforesaid, and after her decease, *William* his son and heir, by her, to have it with the appertenances for ever, on condition that the said *Christian* keep an anniversary for him and his father, *William Batayl*, and *Margaret* his mother, *William Banyard* and *Cecilia* his wife, on *Wednesday* in *Easter* week, and *exequies* the day before; the rector of that church to have 4*d.* the clerk of the parish 2*d.* the ringers of the bells 6*d.* and they who attend the *exequies* there, to have bread and cheese, with beer sufficient, and every householder in the said village, a pennyworth of bread.

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[3] Regist. Paynot Norw.

And he wills that the anniversary of *Richard Batayl*, his grandfather, and *Avelina* his wife, *Nicholas Batayl* and *Margery* his wife, be kept on *Monday*, in *Rogation* week, in this manner, the rector for saying *exequies*, &c. to have 4*d.* the clerk 2*d.* every householder one pennyworth of bread.

And after the decease of *Christian* his wife, he wills his son *William* and his heirs, to keep the said anniversaries yearly, for ever, in the form aforesaid; the rector of the church, and nine trusty men of the said parish to be feoffees of the aforesaid 30 acres, and if his wife, son, or his heirs, refuse to keep the said anniversaries, then he wills that the feoffees have the said 30 acres, &c. appoints *Christian* his wife, and *William* his son, executors.

The manors also of *Holkham's* and *Berry's* (of which see at large in *Holm*) made part of this town, and are possessed of Mr. *Case*, attorney, of *Mildenhale* in *Suffolk*.

Ralph de Beaufoe had a small fee or tenure in *Ringsted*, which a freeman possessed in King *Edward's* reign, containing half a carucate of land, and held under *Ralph* by *Ricard*; there were 2 villains who had half a carucate, valued at 3*s.* and the abbot of *Ramsey* owned the soc.[4]

Of *Ralph de Beaufoe* and his descendants see in *Swanton Morley*, and in *Bircham Newton*.

How long it continued in this family does not appear, but was added to the lordship of the *Stranges*, and so remains at this time.

BARDOLF'S MANOR.

In the 3d of *Edward* III. *Roger Curpel* held one fee in *Ringsted*, of the Lord *Bardolph*; and in the 20th of that King, *William de Sedgeford* held in *Ringsted Magna*, of the honour of *Wirmegey*, a manor by one fee of the aforesaid lord, which he purchased of *John de L'isle*, the elder, and formerly belonged to the ancestors of *Robert Curpel*, of *Fincham*, which the Lord *Bardolf* held of the Bishop of *Norwich*, probably of his manor of *Thornham*, which extended into this town; and Sir *John Bardolf* of *Maple-Durham*, and *Margaret* his wife, conveyed it by fine in the 31st of the said reign, to *Thomas Chappe* of *Wolferton*, and *Margaret* his wife.

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[4] Terra. R. de Bellofago. H. de Smetheduna, Rincteda ten. i lib. ho. T.R.E. dim. car. t're. mo. ten. Ricard. sep. ii vill. et dim. car. et val. iiii sol. S'cs. Benedictus soca.

Thomas Seckford held it in the 5th of *Henry* VI. of *Thomas Beaufort* Duke of *Exeter*.

Walter Aslake, by his will, dated at *Creke, February* 1, 1503, gives to *Thomas Aslake*, his nephew, *Bardolf's* manor in *Ringsted*.

After this it came to the *L'Estrange's*, and Sir *Thomas L'Estrange*, died seized of in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. by the payment of 22*d.* every 30 weeks to the castle of *Norwich*.

Theodore Host, Esq. of *Ingaldesthorp*, is lord of this manor, 1765.

The prior of *Lewes* had also possessions in this town; *Henry Batayl, William Beck*, &c. conveyed to *John*, prior of that house, a toft, 20 acres of land, the moiety of a mill, in *Ringsted Magna*, and it being found on an inquisition, that the prior was in possession of the premises long before the statute of mortmain was published, the justices permitted a fine to be levied in the 14th of *Edward* I. and in 1428 the temporalities of that priory were valued at 58*s.* 1*d. per ann.*

The tenths were 10*l.* out of which 1*l.* 10*s.* was deducted, being paid by the religious for their lands.

The Church of *Ringsted* St. *Peter* was in the patronage of the abbey of *Ramsey*; the ancient valor of it (being a rectory) was 22 marks: the sacrist of *Ramsey* had a portion of one mark *per ann.* out of it, confirmed by *John* of *Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich*.

The present valor is 11*s.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and Sir *Henry Le Strange* was patron.

On a gravestone in the chancel,

Hic situs est. Tho. Loades fil. Philippi, eccles. S'cs. Petri de Ringstead quondam rectoris. obt. 1663.

The rector in *Edward* the First's time, had a manse, with 100 acres of land.

RECTORS.

John de Stow occurs rector in the reign of *Edward* I.
1334, *Robert Walclyn*, by the abbot, &c. of *Ramsey*.
1339, *John de Keten. Ditto.*
1344, *John de Poley. Ditto.*
1349, *Richard Alwoke*, by the King, in the vacancy of the abbey.
1353, *William Pek*, by the abbot, &c.
1355, *Richard Purdam. Ditto.*
1370, *Thomas Draycote. Ditto.*
1373, *Richard de Denham. Ditto.*
1395, *Thomas Waresle. Ditto.*
1395, *Roger Stayard. Ditto.*
1398, *John Mayster. Ditto.*
1399, *John Staleham. Ditto.*
Stephen Gamyn.
1408, *Richard Brydbrook. Ditto.*
1416, *John Persbrigg. Ditto.*
1430, *John Person.*
1433, *John Strott. Ditto.*
1437, *John Dabulon. Ditto.*

Robert Wylby, LL. Licent.
1464, *John Palmer.*
1473, *Edmund Andrews*, by the abbot, &c.
William Conyngton
1501, *Edmund Kemp*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1515, *Ralph Langley*, by the abbot, &c.
1546, *Edmund Wolstenholme*, by *Thomas Miller* of *Lenne.*
1559, *Philip Adamson*, by Sir *Nicholas Lestrange.*
1573, *Arthur Witche* by the assigns of *Nicholas Lestrange*, Esq.
Arthur Weeck.
1626, *Daniel Green*, by Sir *Hamon Lestrange.*
1636, *Philip Loades. Ditto.*
1663, *Thomas Loades*, by Sir *Nicholas Le Strange*, Baronet.
1674, *Timothy Swift. Ditto.*
Edmund Wilson, by Sir *Nicholas L'Estrange*, Bart.
1754, *Ayrmine Styleman*, by Sir *Henry Lestrange.*
Here was St. *Peter's* and the *Holy Trinity* guilds.

RINGSTEAD ST. ANDREW.

The rector had a manse, with 30 acres of land, in the time of King *Edward* I. and was valued at 13 marks. *Peter*-pence, 7*d. ob.* The present valor is 10*l.* and is discharged.

On a gravestone with a brass plate, in the chancel,

Hic jacet Ricardus Regill, A.M. Doctor Jurisperit. quondam rector istius eccles. qui tectum istius cancelli totaliter fieri fecit, obt. 1482.

On a black marble gravestone,

Tho. Fish, A.M. Com. Ebor. ortus eccles. Anglic. presbyter, et D. Margaretæ Lenn Regis 21 *ann. curatus, et olim hujus parochiæ rector, concionator valde admirabilis, ob morum probitatem et ingenij acumen Christianæ fidei ornamentum et exemplar, animam cœlo reddidit, quicquid autem claudi potuit sub hoc marmore condend. reliquit,* 1701.

RECTORS.

1349, *James de Suthcreyk* instituted, presented by Sir *William Calthorp;* it came from the *Burnhams* to him.

After this, the presentation was given to *Creke* abbey, and so to *Christ* college.

1408, *Walter Batteley*, or *Battaile*, by the abbot and convent of *Creke.*
1426, *William Godfrey. Ditto.*
1430, *Robert Felbrigge. Ditto.*
1465, *Richard Kegill. Ditto.*
1483, *Thomas Downyng. Ditto.*
1506, *Robert Ames*, by *Henry Hornby*, assignee of the abbey, &c.
1509, *Richard Pollard*, by the master and scholars of *Christ* college, *Cambridge.*
1552, *Henry Bovell. Ditto.*

1554, *Thomas Merfeld*, by the master and scholars of *Christ* college, *Cambridge*.
1570, *Robert Wydowsonne. Ditto.*
1586, *Alexander Spenser. Ditto.*
1587, *Laurence Hocknell.*[5] *Ditto.*
1626, *Christopher Lawpage. Ditto.*
1639, *Thomas Hodson. Ditto.*
1661, *Edw. Foster. Ditto.*
1673, *Thomas Fish. Ditto.*
1687, *John Wilson. Ditto.*
1719, *John Bains*, on *Wilson's* death. *Ditto.*
1735, *Thomas Haworth. Ditto.*

Here was the guild of St. *John* Baptist.

RINGSTEAD PARVA;

OR

BARRET RINGSTEAD.

THE greatest part of this township was possessed at the survey by *John*, nephew of *Waleran*, and in King *Edward's* reign by *Bou*, (or *Bowes*) a freeman, when it contained four carucates in demean, afterwards three, then 8 borderers, afterwards 16, then 6 servi, afterwards 5, with 10 acres of meadow; and there was a carucate among the tenants, a mill, &c. valued in King *Edward's* reign at 4*l.* at the survey at 6*l. per ann.*[6]

This *John*, nephew of *Waleran*, had also a lordship in *Hunstanton*, under which the extent of it, with the *Danegelt*, is accounted for; it came soon after to the *Giffards* Earls of *Buckingham*, and by the marriage of a daughter and heiress of that family, to the Earls of *Clare*.

Another fee or lordship here was given to *Will. de Scohies*, by the Conqueror, and held at the survey under him, by *Roger de Ebrois*, who held also of the said *William*, the manor of *Great Bircham*, to which town I refer the reader. It consisted of one carucate of land, held by two freemen, and stands valued under *Bircham* aforesaid.[7]

In the reign of *Henry* I. *Scohies* sold it to *Walter Giffard* Earl of

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[5] In 1603, he certified 72 communicants to be here.

[6] H. de Smetheduna.——Terre Johs. nepotis W.———Rincteda tenuit Bou lib. ho. T.R.E. tc. iiii car. in d'nio. p. i mo. iii tc. et p. i mo. iii tc. et p. viii bor. mo. xvi tc. vi s. p. iiii mo. v x ac. p'ti. sep. i car. ho'um. et i mol. sep. i r. tc. i por. mo. xx tc. iii ov. mo. c. tc. val. iiii lib. p. xl sol. mo. ib.

[7] H. de Smetheduna.— Terre Willi. de Scohies.——In Rincteda tenet Rogerus ii liberos ho'es i car. terre, &c. in p'tio. de Brecham.

Bucks, and by a coheiress of that family came to the Earls of *Clare*. These two fees or lordships, belonging to one capital lord, I shall treat of them together.

Oger, son of *Oger*, and *Anne* his wife, in the 25th of *Henry* II. conveyed by fine, to *Michael*, son of *Oger*, and *Sarah* his wife, lands here, of the inheritance of *William de Shelfanger*, the father of *Anne* and *Sarah*, with the service of *Hugh de Caldecote*, and one knight's fee in *Suffolk*.

In the 18th of *Henry* III. *Richard de Saham* and *Joan* his wife, conveyed by fine the advowson of this church, and lands, to *Henry Bataile*; and in the 14th of *Edward* I. *Alan de Meysy* impleaded *Maud* Countess of *Gloucester* and *Hereford*, for a messuage, 100 acres of land, 57*s*. and 8*d*. rent, with that of 6 capons, and 24 hens, and a pound of cummin, in this town, *Bircham*, &c. as his right.

Richard Boyland and *Elena* his wife, daughter of *Philip de Colvile*, died seized in the 24th of that King, of a manor here, &c. and *John* was their son and heir; which *John de Boyland* and *Emme* his wife, were querents, and *Richard Visedelew* deforcient of 2 messuages, with one caracute of land here, in *Holm* and *Hecham*, in the 3d of *Edward* II.

By the escheat rolls, in the 8th of the said King, *Richard de Boyland* was found to hold half a fee; and in the said year, *John de Boyland*, (son of *Richard*) and *Emme* his wife, settled by fine the manor, with the advowson of a moiety of the church of *Ringsted Parva*, on their trustees, *John de Reynham*, with 2 messuages, 3 carucates of land, &c. in *Ringsted Magna* and *Parva*, *Hunstanton*, *Hecham*, *Shelfanger*, *Royden*, and *Winfarthing*.

In the said year, *William de Cachvache* was found to hold here, in *Holm* and *Buckenham*, the fourth part of a fee of the honour of *Clare*, as *Walter Tyle* and *William de Bemond* also did of the said honour, here and in *Holm*.

In the 13th of the same reign, *Walter*, parson of *Ringsted Parva*, settled by fine, 8 messuages, with divers lands here, in *Hunstanton*, *Hecham*, *Tatterford*, *Taterset*, with the advowson of *Taterford*, and that of the moiety of this church, on *Richard de Boyland*, and *Alice* his wife, and their heirs.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *John de Rysing* held half a fee of the Lady *Elizabeth de Burgh*, lady of Clare, late *John de Boyland's*.

The said lady presented to this church in 1344, as capital lady of the fee.

Simon Barret, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. held two half fees here of the honour of *Clare*, 355 acres of land, 4 of pasture, 118 shillings rent in *Hunstanton*, *Ringsted Magna* and *Parva*, *Holm*, &c.

Edmund Mortimer Earl of *March*, &c. was found in the 3d of *Henry* VI. to be the capital lord; and in the 36th of that King, the prior of *Walsingham* was found to hold here, &c. the fourth part of a fee; the heirs of *William Beamond* the 4th part here and in *Holm*; *Matthew Cachevache* the 4th part here, and in *Holm*, and *John Boyland* the 4th part of a fee here.

In the 9th of *Henry* VII. *John Barret* was lord of *Ringsted Parva*, held of the Dutchess of *York*, and *Margaret* was found to be his daughter and heir.

Soon after this, it came to the *Le Stranges*: and by an inquisition taken at *Norwich, April* 18, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Thomas L'Estrange* was found to die seized of the manor of *Barret's Ringsted,* held of the King, by one fee, and *Nicholas* was his son and heir.

In this family it continued, the Honourable Sir *Henry L'Estrange,* Bart. being the late lord.

Here is now only a farm-house remaining. *Ringsted* gave name to an ancient family; *Rolland de Ringsted* held considerable possessions in the same, in the 15th of *Henry* III. *Thomas de Ringstede* Bishop of *Bangor* was born here, and probably of the same family, who died in 1365.

In 1428, the temporalities of *Petreston* in *Ringsted Parva* were valued at 3*s*. 4*d*.

The tenths were 2*l*. 3*s*. out of which 19*s*. 8*d*. were deducted.

The Church of *Ringstead Parva* (called also *Barret Ringstead)* had anciently two medieties or portions; *Richard de Boylound* was patron of one, of which *Nicholas* was rector in *Edward* the First's time, and the heirs of *Hamon Byrlingham* were patrons of the other, the rector of which served the cure, and had no manse or land belonging to the church.

This portion was *Robert's*, and valued at 5 marks and a half, and *Nicholas's* was valued at the same. *Peter*-pence 5*d*. *ob*. and the church was dedicated to St. *Andrew*. The present valor is 3*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

RECTORS.

1308, *John de St. Edmund,* by Sir *John Boyland,* Knt.

1310, *John de Reynham. Ditto.*

1322, *Thomas Forester. Ditto.*

1343, *Reyner de Whytewell,* by *Richard de Boyland.*
Thomas Forester.

1344, *Robert de Caldewell,* to a mediety, by *Elizabeth de Burgh,* lady of *Clare.*

1349, *William Atte Medwe,* by *Richard de Boyland.*

1352, *Seman. de Ipswich. Ditto.*

1366, *Js. Motte,* by *Simon,* son of *Robert de Fransham.*

1372, *Edmund Porker,* by *William Pere.*

1376, *Thomas Atte-Hethe,* by *John,* rector of *Harpele.*

1377, *John Dyx. Ditto.*

1387, *William Baxtere,* by *Simon Barret.*

1395, *Simon Barret,* by *William Sharneburne.*

1405, *William Twed,* by *Thomas Athelwald.*

On *October* 16, 1420, *John* Bishop of *Norwich* united and consolidated *Boyland's* mediety of this church, by the death of *William Twed,* to the other mediety, called *Rysing's,* (formerly *Byrlingham's,*) possessed then by *Simon Baret,* with the consent of the patrons, *Richard Baret* of *Hecham,* and *Cecilia* his wife.

1432, *Nicholas Walter,* by *Margery Baret, Richard Baret* and *Cecilia* his wife.

1434, *Nicholas Baret,* by *ditto,* in right of the manor of *Ringsted,* which they held by the feofment of *Thomas Lovell,* Esq. &c.

1445, *John Baret,* by *Richard Baret.*

1447, *John Ker*, by *Richard Baret*, who recovered the right of presentation in the King's court against the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and *Walter Frye.*

William Pakenham.

1474, *Robert Wencelagh*, by *William Twyer*, *Thomas Shelton*, Esq. &c.

1511, *Simon Fincham.*

1526, *Richard Davy.*

About this time it is called the church or free chapel of *Ringstead Parva*, valued at 66*s.* 8*d.* and has been dilapidated many years.

1720, *James Macgill*, by the King.

1751, *Cha. Dix*, by the Bishop of *Norwich.*

CHOSELEY,

LIES north of *Docking*, and east of *Ringsted*, and was formerly a little village, held at the survey by *William de Scohies*, lord of *Ringsted Parva*, and of *Bircham Magna*, of which townships it seems to have been then a part or member, and so does not occur in the book of *Domesday*.

From *Scohies* it was purchased in the time of *Henry* I. by *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Buckingham;* whose son *Walter* dying *sans* issue, *Richard de Clare* Earl of *Hertford* was his heir; descended from *Rohesia* his sister, wife of *Richard Fitz Gilbert.* But an inquisition in the time of *Henry* I. says it was the lordship of *John*, son of *Waleran*, from whom it came to *Giffard*, &c. as in *Ringsted Parva.*

BURTON LAZARS-MANOR.

The most considerable part of this township was given, by *Walter Giffard*, the Earl of that name, to the hospital of *Burton Lazars* in *Leicestershire*, who had this lordship in the reign of *Edward* I. and their temporalities were valued in 1428 at 11*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.*

Richard, præceptor of *Chasel*, occurs in 1378.

At the general dissolution of abbies, &c. King *Henry* VIII. on the 4th of *May*, in his 36th year, granted to Sir *John Dudley* Viscount *Lisle*, this manor, with all its rights, members and appertenances belonging to the hospital of *Burton* St. *Lazarus*, to be held *in capite* by knight's service, paying 9*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* and on the 14th of *March*, in the 37th of the said King, *John* Lord *Lisle* conveyed it to Dame *Joan Leigh* of *Hoggeston* in *Middlesex*, widow, late wife of Sir *Thomas Leigh;* remainder to *Katherine* her daughter and sole heir of Sir *Thomas*, who being afterwards married to *James Blount*, Lord *Mountjoy*, they both, by deed dated *August* 14, in the 3d of *Elizabeth*, sell it for 130*l.* to Sir *Nicholas L'Estrange* and his heirs, with all its privileges, courts, letes, &c. and Sir *Nicholas L'Estrange,* and *Hamon L'Estrange* of *Hunstanton,* his son and heir, sell it *April* 23, in the 27th of the said Queen, to *Thomas Reade* of *Ringstead,* and *Robert Reade,* Gent. son of *Thomas* died lord *August* 26, in the 37th of *Elizabeth,* as appears by an inquisition taken at *Norwich* castle, *October* 23d, in the said year; and left by *Mary* his wife, *Bridget* his daughter and heir, who in the 10th of *James* I. with *Valentine Upton* of North *Holme* in *Lincolnshire,* Esq. sold their third part of the manor to *William Reade* of *Chosell,* brother of *Robert,* by fine, for 600*l.* and *William* settled it by deed *January* 1, in the 19th of *James* I. on himself for life; remainder to *John* his brother: remainder on *William,* son of *John,* in fee; which *William Reade* of *Thornham,* Gent. was lord in the 18th of *Charles* I. and his son *William Reade,* of *Holkham* in *Norfolk,* Gent. with *Frances* his wife, daughter of *John Watts* of *Burnham Ulpe,* Gent. sold this manor, rectory, and portion of tithes, to *Edward Pepys,* Esq. in 1656, of *Brunsthorp,* who by *Elizabeth,* daughter and coheir of *John Walpole* of *Bromesthorpe,* Esq. had *Anne* his daughter and heir, who dying without issue, *Jane,* daughter of *John Pepys* of *South Creke,* sister of the said *Edward,* having several sons and daughters by *John Turner* of ———— in *Yorkshire,* was his heir; and *Theophila,* one of the said daughters, brought it by marriage to Sir *Arthur Harris* of *Stowford* in *Devonshire,* Bart. lord here in 1698.

After this it was purchased by the Earl of *Orford,* and so remained in that family in 1763.

The hospital of *Burton* had a præceptor here, to look after this, and their estate at *Briston, Ryburgh Parva, Bryningham,* &c. valued in King *Edward* the First's reign at 13*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*

WILLY'S MANOR.

In the 9th of *Edward* II. *Robert de Dalby* appears to have also a lordship in this village, and in the 11th of that King, *Ralph Cosyn* of *Chosley* granted lands to *Thomas Davy,* as did *Hugh de Southstede* of *Docking* to *Thomas Chosell* of *Beston,* in *Edward* the Third's reign, and *Richard,* son and heir of *Thomas Davy* of *Chosele,* enfeoffed *Nicholas Wylly,* of *Dockyng,* &c. in his lands, rents, and foldcourses in *Chosel* and *Tichwell,* in the 21st of *Richard* II. and in the following year, *Catherine* late wife of *Richard,* son and heir of *Thomas Chosyll,* released to *Nicholas Wylly,* &c. all her lands, and of her late husband in this town, *Titchewell,* and *Docking,* to which Sir *Ralph Lovell* of *Tichwell,* Knt. *Henry Nottingham* of *Holme,* &c. were witnesses; the *Chosells* had considerable interest here, in the 5th of *Edward* III. *Peter,* son of *Peter de Chosle,* &c. convey to *Robert de Holewell,* 2 messuages, 240 acres of land, and 3*s.* rent here.

John Willy of *Lynn-Bishop's* son and heir of *John Willy* of *Chosyll,* and *Margaret* his wife, sold to Sir *Thomas Lovell,* Knight of the Garter, and treasurer of the King's household, *May* 1, in the 5th of *Henry* VIII. this manor, with 543 acres of land, and two foldages by fine; who by his will in 1522, bequeathed it to his cousin Sir *Francis Lovell* of *East-Herling*; and in the 16th of *Elizabeth, August* 10, Sir *Thomas Lovell* sold *Chosel* manor in *Docking,* (as it is then called) to

Thomas Read, and so came to *Robert Read,* Gent. lord of the manor of *Burton Lazars* in this village, and passed with that (as is above observed) to the Lady *Theophila Harris,* &c.

Here is now only a farm standing in a champaign country.

The tenths were 1*l.* 16*s. per ann.*

In *Windham* is a manor called at this time *Chosells.*

Here was in ancient days a church belonging to this village: I find it mentioned in the 52d of *Henry* III. and was appropriated to the priory of *Nutley* in *Buckinghamshire,* by the founder *Walter Gifford* Earl of that county, with 40 acres of glebe land, and was valued at 8 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence 6*d.*

The church has been in ruins many years.

SHERNBOURN,

Called in *Domesday Book Serlebruna, Scernebrune, Shernebuna,* taking its name from a brook or rivulet of clear water, as *Shereford* in this county; *Chereford* in *Hampshire*; *Sherborne* in *Gloucestershire; Charing,* and *Cheriton* in *Kent.*

It was then in the hundred of *Docking,* but now in *Smethden* hundred.

Sir *Henry Spelman,* and the rest of our historians, relate that one *Thoke* was lord of this town when *Fælix,* the Bishop of the *East-Angles,* came into this part of his diocese, in King *Sigebert's* time, about the year 640, to convert it to *Christianity;* and being one of his converts, built a church here dedicated to St. *Peter* and St. *Paul,* the second that was erected in the Kingdom of the *East-Angles,* the first being a little before founded by the encouragement of the said Bishop at *Babingley,* where he first landed.

The heiress of this *Thoke,* married *Ingulfe,* whose posterity enjoyed it till the time of King *Canute,* the *Dane,* when that King granted it with *Snetesham,* &c. to *Edwin,* who came with him into *England* out of *Denmark* in 1014, on his marriage with the heiress of the family, and descendants of the said *Ingulfe.*

Edwyn enjoyed it peaceably till he was ejected at the conquest in 1066, and these lordships were seized on by *William de Albini,* the Conqueror's butler;[8] and *William de Warren* Earl *Warren,* to whom the King had granted many lordships in these parts. Upon this *Edwin* made application to the Conqueror, and proving that he never before, at, or after the Conquest, had acted any thing against the Conqueror, he received an order to be restored to this lordship, &c. which the possessors abovementioned would not comply with. But *William de Albini* granted him a messuage, 300 acres of land, with 3 foldcourses in *Snetesham,* and *William de Warren* 400 acres of land, with a messuage and 4 foldcourses, with a lordship to be held of him by certain services, reserving the rest to himself, with the advowson of the church.

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[8] Spelman's Icenia, p. 146. Dugdale's Baron, vol. i. p. 118.

After this Sir *Ralph de Ibrenijs*, a *Norman*, to whom the Conqueror had granted the manor of *Southmere cum Docking*, imprisoned the said *Edwin*, who making his escape, applied to *William de Albini* for relief, who sent for an illegitimate daughter of his, out of *Normandy*, and married her to *Ascurus*, the son of *Edwin*; on this *Edwin* lived peaceably and quietly, and died soon after.

This relation is taken from a MS. of the family and pedigree of the *Sharnburns*, wrote (as it seems by the hand) about the time of *Henry* VIII. formerly in the possession of Sir *Henry Spelman*, or lent to him; and now is in the *Ashmolean* library or Musæum at *Oxford*, amongst the MSS. of Sir *William Dugdale*, Garter King at Arms, *fol.* 57.

It was in the family of the *Southertons*, who married the heiress of the *Shanburns*; and the Lady *Southerton* desired *Francis Gardiner*, Esq. alderman of *Norwich*, (afterwards mayor in 1685,) to deliver it to Sir *William Dugdale*, and to acquaint him it was her desire it should be deposited in the library of the Herald's Office, which Sir *William* forgot to do, and so gave it with his other books to the Musæum abovementioned.

But I must take the liberty of saying that the truth and authority of this relation, and manuscript is not to be depended on, and to justify myself, shall lay before my reader, some substantial and satisfactory reasons, (as I presume) taken from the most ancient and authentic manuscript of *English* History, and old tenures, the book of *Domesday*.

The town of *Shernborn* appears from that book, made in 1085, to be divided into several little tenures and lordships.

Odo Bishop of *Baieux* in *France*, and Earl of *Kent*, had one socman here, who held 5 acres; this belonged to, and was part of *Odo's* great manor of *Snetesham*, which *Stigand* the Archbishop of *Canterbury* held in *Edward* the Confessor's reign,[9] of which *Stigand* was deprived at the Conquest, and it was granted then to *Odo*, the Conqueror's brother.

It appears by this that *Edwin* had no lordship in *Snetesham*, or right in, or to this part of *Shernborne;* his name not occurring in King *Edward's*, or King *William* the Conqueror's time, and this was only 5 acres, and held in soccage.

William de Warrenna held then a lordship, which four freemen held in King *Edward* the Confessor's time, consisting of 2 carucates of land, and one freeman held then 40 acres; 5 villains, and 3 carucates belonged to it, and it was valued at 60*s.*[1]

This could not be *Edwin's*, of which the Earl of *Warren* is (as the MS. aforesaid) said to have deprived him, because it was possessed we see by 5 freemen in King *Edward's* time, and no mention is made of *Edwin;* he could not be one of these freemen, their tenure was small, and he was lord (as it is said) of the whole town.

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[9] Terre Epi. Baiocensis.——Snettesham, ten. Stigand' temp. Regis Edv. &c. et in Scernebruna i soc. v ac.

[1] Tre. Will. de Warrenna. —— In Scernebuna iiii lib. ho'es ii car. terre et i lib. ho' XL ac. semp. v vill. et semp. iii car. et val. LX sol.

Berner, captain of the Conqueror's cross bowmen, or archers, had also at the survey a lordship in King *Edward's* reign by one freeman, to which there belonged one carucate of land, and one in demean, &c. five borderers belonged to it, a mill, the 12th part of a salt pit, and the 12th part of a mill, 2 acres and an half of meadow, it was then, &c. valued at 16*s.* at the survey at 20*s. per ann.*[2]

This small fee could not belong to *Edwin*, lord of the whole town, it being held by one freeman in King *Edward's* days, valued then but at 16*s. per ann.*

Ivo de Tailgebosc held at the survey, the principal lordship of this town, belonging to 16 freemen in King *Edward's* reign, who held it under *Herold*, consisting of 5 carucates of land, and when *Ivo* had the grant of it; but at the survey there were but three, and the same freemen held it under *Ivo;* 3 villains belonged to it, one acre and half of meadow, a mill valued at 40*s.* but at the survey at 4*l. per ann.*

Ralph Earl of *Norfolk* was lord of it, when he forfeited it, on his rebellion; and it was granted to *Ivo:* the whole town was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, whoever was lord of it; and paid 27*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.

Earl *Ralph*, one year before he forfeited, took from it a carucate of land from *Roger*, son of *Renard*, as the hundred witnesses.[3]

Ivo was also lord of *Newton* in South *Greenhow* hundred, at the survey.

From this account it appears that this was the capital lordship in King *Edward's* reign, when *Herold* (afterwards King of *England*) was lord of it, and on his death was granted (as we see) to *Ralph Waher*, or *Guader*, created Earl of *Norfolk* by the Conqueror, who being about 1075, in the rebellion against King *William*, (who had granted it to him) it was forfeited to the Crown, and given to *Ivo* aforesaid, so that *Edwin* had never any interest in this lordship.

Here was also another small tenure in this town placed under the title of invasions, belonging to *Peter de Valoines*, (at the survey,) a *Norman* baron, who had invaded or seized on a socman of *Harold* who held 60 acres of land belonging to *Secheford* manor, and now held under *Peter de Valoins*, by *William de Pertenaj*, of whom he had livery of it, valued at 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.* and there was a freeman belonging to it, who had 6 acres, valued at 6*d.*[4] of whom *Peter de Valoins* had the protection; this was held by the *Sharnborns.*

This last account is of great service, to prove that *Edwin* had no interest, either in this whole manor, (as the MS. asserts) or in any part of it; so exact is the *Domesday* register, that not only every lordship, but that the smallest part of a knight's fee is accounted for;

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[2] Terre Bernerj arb.——Scernebrune ten. T.R.E. i lib. i car. tre' tc. i in d'nio p' ii mo. i v bor. i mol. duodecim'. pars sal. et xii pars i mol. ii ac. pti et dim. tc. et p' xvi i mo. xx.

[3] Terre Ivonis Tailgebosc.———In Serlebruna, xvi. lib. ho's T.R.E. quos ten. Heroldus tenentes v car. et q'do recepit simil. mo. iii et ide' mo. ten. de Ivone sep. ii vill. et i ac. et dim. p'ti. et i mol. tc. et p' val. XL sol. mo. iiii lib. hanc tra' tenebat Rad'. qu. forisfecit. tota ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lato q'cq. ibi teneat. et reddit xxviid. de xx sol. de hac terra tulit Rad. Comes i car. tre' uno anno antequ' forisfaceret, Rogero filio Rainardi. teste hund.

[4] Invasiones in Nordfulc. Peter Valoniensis——In Scernebruna i soc. Heroldi LX ac. q. jacebat ad Sexsorda' T.R.E. mo. tenet. W. de P'tenai de eo, et reclamat liberatore' val. vi sol. et viiid. in ead i lib. comd. tantu' vi ac. val. vid.

the lords and owners are specified both in the reigns of King *Edward* and of the Conqueror, that every one's particular service as due to the King, and his own right and title might be clearly known, and supported by such an undeniable voucher and authority.

If so little an invasion, or encroachment, could not be omitted, how can any one imagine that such a large manor as this, (if we suppose that all the tenures above specified were united and held by *Edwin*, with the lordships of *Snetesham, Stanhow,* &c.) could ever be passed by, or omitted at the grand survey, where no account is to be found of *Edwin?*

But the aforesaid MS. is not only false in respect of *Edwin's* tenure here, but in respect of time; *Edwin* is said to have come into *England* with King *Canute*, in the year 1014, and to be living at the time of the Conquest and after; and that he was taken prisoner by *Ralph de Ibrenijs*, to whom the Conqueror had given the manor of *Southmere cum Docking*.

At the time when the survey was made in 1085, the manor of *Southmere* was, as *Domesday* testifies, in the Conqueror's own hands, and had been so from the death of *Herold* the King, and was not granted till some time after his reign to the ancestor of the family of *Lovell*, (about the reign of *Henry* I. as may be seen in *Southmere*) and a descendant of the lords of *Iberj* in *France*.

Fuller, in his *Worthies*, calls this *Edwin* by the name of *Shanburn*, and relates that he traversed the title of the Earl *Warren* to this lordship, and being a *Norfolk* man durst go to law with the Conqueror, and question the validity of his donations; yea, he got the better of the suit, (says he) and the King's grant was adjudged void.

The author of the MS. is not known; had he heard of the family of *de Ibreo*, lords of *Southmere*, and of *Thoke*, a great *Saxon* thane, whom he places under the reign of King *Sigebert*, and in the time of *Fælix*, the first Bishop of the *East-Angles*, whereas *Thoke* was lord of *Rougham, West Walton, Castleacre, Gressenhale, Hitcham,* &c. in the reign of King *Edward*, and deprived of them all at the Conquest, when they were granted to the Earl *Warren*.

So that this MS. history is founded on common report, on vulgar, anile tradition, which encreases as a snow-ball, and makes mountains of mole hills.

That part of this town which *Stigand* held in King *Edward's* time, of which he was deprived at the conquest, was granted, together with the manor of *Snetesham*, to *Odo*, the Conqueror's brother, and on the rebellion of the said *Odo*, against his nephew, King *William* II. was forfeited to him, who gave it to *William de Albini*, his butler, ancestor to the Earls of *Sussex*, as may be seen in *Rising*, and was held of the said Earls and their descendants, by the *Shernborns;* it was only 5 acres held in soccage, and the said *William* had also a grant (as I take it) of *Taylbois* manor.

RUSTEYN'S MANOR,

Was that part or lordship which was held by four freemen, and being ejected on the Conquest, came to the Earl *Warren*, under whom the *Rusteyns* held it, of whom see in *Snetesham*. *William de*

Rusteng was found in the 3d of *Edward* I. to have the assise of bread and beer of his tenants, and other liberties.

In the 17th of *Edward* II. *Walter de Norwich* was found to hold lands of the said fee, as of the Castle of *Acre*.

John de Titchwell, and the heirs of *John de Mileham*, held the 3d part of a fee here, &c. by the said tenure.

In the 3d of *Richard* II. *Katherine Brews*, a nun at *Dertford* in *Kent*, was found to be seized of half a fee here, &c. called *Rusteyn's*, and *William de Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*, was her heir, son of *Margaret*, sister of Sir *Tho. de Norwich*, father of the said *Catherine*.—*Escheat. Rot.*

The manor that *Berner* held, and which belonged to one freeman in King *Edward's* reign, who held it (as I take it) under *Harold*, and after under Earl *Ralph*, and was on his forfeiture, granted to *Berner*, with the lordships of *Scoulton* and *Ashill*, which were of the same tenure, and came after to the *Picots*, and *Burdelys's* family, and were held under them, as is most likely, by the *Shernborn* family.

The capital lordship which was possessed at the survey by *Ivo de Tailgebose*, and by 16 freemen, in King *Edward's* time, under *Harold*, was first granted to *Ralph*, and on his forfeiture to the said *Ivo*, who had only at the survey, this manor, and that of *Newton* by *Castleacre* in this county.

Ivo possessed it but a little time, King *William* II. bestowing it on his favourite, *William de Albini*, whose descendants, Earls of *Sussex*, enjoyed it, till the death of *Hugh* Earl of *Sussex*, who dying *s. p.* male, it came by marriage of *Isabel*, the eldest sister and coheir, to Sir *Robert de Tateshale*, and was held by the *Sharnburns*, the *Rusteyn's*, &c. under them.

The part or lordship which *Peter de Valoin's* had invaded, was most likely united to his adjoining lordship of *Dersingham*, but it appears that it was afterwards held also in demean, of the *Valoines*, by the *Sherborns*.

This *Peter*, and *Albreda* his lady, gave two parts of the tithes of this manor to the priory of *Binham*, on their foundation thereof.[5]

In the year 1260, on the fourth of the calends of *August*, a composition was agreed on, dated at *Dersingham*, between the prior and convent of *Binham*, rectors of *Dersingham*, and the prior and convent of *Pentney*, rectors of this church, whereby the tithes of *Mengend* furlong, were to belong to *Binham*, and the furlongs of *Longland*, *Shortland*, *Cranhill*, *Dole*, and *Prestrete Gate*, to the priory of *Pentney*.

Having thus accounted for the several lordships anciently in this town, it remains that some account be given of this family of *Sharnburn*, who thus held the greatest part of it.

The MS. of the family (abovementioned) says that " *Ascur*, son of *Edwin*, had by his wife, (a natural daughter of *William de Albini*) 3 sons and several daughters, and died about the end of King *Stephen's* reign; *Maud*, one of his daughters, married to *Nicholas*, son of *Ralph de Docking*; another married *Alan*, son of *Robert de Ingaldesthorp*, and a third to Sir *Nicholas de Tofts*; that *Jeffrey de Sharnburn* was his eldest son and heir, chief steward to *William* Earl *Warren*, who died on St. *Agatha's* day, in the reign of King *Henry* II. that he married *Etheldreda*, daughter of *Roger de Dersingham*, relict of Sir *Fulco de Sharnbourn*, and after the death of *Geffrey*, she married Sir *Roger de Rusteyn*."

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[5] Regist. Bynham Priorat. fol. 2.

Of this pedigree I shall scrutinize.

The register of *Windham* priory mentions *Geffrey de Sharnborn*, son of *Eudo*, but nothing of *Edwin*.

Some make the said *Eudo* to be son of *Fulco de Sharnborn*, and place him at the head of this family, and that he married *Etheldreda*, daughter of Sir *Roger de Dersingham*, which is a more probable account.

This *Eudo* lived in King *John's* reign, and was lord of this town, as will appear, *ao.* 10th of King *John*, and gave it to *Nicholas de Sharnbourn*.

"*Geffrey*, by *Etheldreda*, had 3 sons; Sir *Adam de Sharnborn* the eldest, knighted in the Holy Land, in the time of *Richard* I. by *William* Earl of *Arundel*, and died single; Sir *Andrew*, the 2d son, knighted in the Holy Land in the reign of King *John*, by *William de Albini*, the fourth Earl of *Arundel*, and married *Susan*, 3d daughter and coheir of *Benedict de Aungerville*, lord of *West Newton*, &c. she dying *s. p.* he remarried to *Alice*, daughter of ——— ———, and relict of *Silvester de Rysing*."

"Sir *Andrew* died *s. p.* 1249, and was buried at *Sherborne* before the altar of the Blessed Virgin, near the south wall. This lady is said to have built the chancel of this church, and to be there buried in 1260."

In the reign of King *John*, *Nicholas de Sharnborn* was lord, and gave the church to the priory of *Pentney*.

Sir *Andrew* was one of the jurors with Sir *Peter de Peleville*, and *William Luvell*, to settle the true bounds of this county, and of *Lincolnshire*, as the register of *Spalding* testifies,[6] and disseised *William de Snetesham* of lands in *Snetesham*, in the 48th of *Henry* III.

There was also a *Geffrey de Sharnborne* living in the 42d of *Henry* III. who with his wife *Rosamond*, (said to be daughter of *William*, son of *Robert de Ingaldesthorp*,) had an interest in this town, when one *Pagan* agreed by fine levied, to pay to the said *Jeffrey* and *Rosamond*, and their heirs, *2d. ob. per ann.* for a tenement and 30 acres of land here held of them.

This *Jeffrey* was found to hold here and in *Sneteshum*, half a fee, and had a son, *William*.

About this time also lived *Thomas*, son of *Jeffrey de Sharnborn*, and *Henry*, son of *Ralph de Sharnborn*, who gave lands here to *Wymondham* priory.[7]

"Sir *Peter de Sharnborn*, 3d son of *Jeffrey*, succeeded his 2 brothers in the inheritance, and was in the Holy Land, and married a lord's daughter in *France*, whom he forsook, came into *England*, and married *Cecilia*, daughter of *Silvester Rysing*, by whom he had several children; and dying in 1259, was buried on the north side of the high altar of the church of *Sharnborn*."

Peter de Sharnburne was witness to a deed, *sans* date, about the end of *Henry* III. as in *Dersingham*.

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[6] Assiss. apud Thetford Rot. 17.

[7] Reg. Wymond. p. 62. 93.

"*Andrew de Sharnborne* was 2d son and heir to Sir *Peter,* and married first, *Emma,* daughter of *Godfrey de Toftres,* rector of *Hunstanton,* by whom he had *Alice,* married to *James Styward* of *Holme* by the sea, and secondly to *Richard de Gerneston,* burgess of *Lynne;* she died *s. p.* in 1309, and was buried in St. *Margaret's* church at *Lynn,* under an arch on the south side. *Andrew,* by his 2d wife, *Christian,* daughter of Sir *Alan le Gross* of *Woodnorton,* had a son of his own name, who died young; she survived her husband (who died in 1282, and was here buried) many years, and remarried *Edmund,* son of Sir *John Gelham* of *Dersingham.*"

The pedigree it is to be feared, is very faulty, as appears from several remarks I have already made.[8] It is certain that *Will. de Sharnborn,* son of *Geffrey* was lord of a manor in *Snetesham,* in 1275, and had then the assise of bread and beer, and liberties of his tenants.

In the 5th of *Edward* I. *Robert de Pyrewe* conveyed lands here by fine, to *Andrew de Sharnborne:* he and *Walter* his brother were witnesses to a grant of lands in *Dersingham,*[9] to the prior of *Binham,* *sans* date.

"*Walter de Sharnborne,* Esq. succeeded his brother in the inheritance, and married *Juliana,* daughter of *Adam Rydout,* senior, who dying *s. p. Margery,* daughter of *Stephen de Geyton,* was his second wife: he was esquire to Sir *Thomas Rosceline,* Knt. and was on the King's side at the battles of *Lewes* and *Evesham,* and was signed with the sign of the cross on his right shoulder, went once, but was prevented his second going into the Holy Land, died in 1307, and was buried in the churchyard on the east end of the chancel wall, having a son, *Andrew,* born 5 days after his decease, by *Margery,* who died of the pestilence in 1349, and was buried before the south door of this church."

"*Peter* and *Robert de Sharnborne,* were younger brothers to *Walter;* the first was esquire to Sir *Hugh Peche,* the other to Sir *John de la Hay,* and were on the side of the barons against King *Henry* III. *Robert* obtained the King's pardon, but *Peter* was, banished and lived in *France.*"

Andrew de Sharnburn, 2d son of Sir *Peter,* married first *Emma,* sister of *William Godfrey,* of *Toftys-Rys,* rector of *Hunstanton;* and to his 2d wife, *Christiana,* daughter of Sir *Alan le Gross,* of *Woodnorton;* she survived him, and married *Edmund,* son of Sir *John de Gelham.*

"Sir *Andrew* was the eldest son of *Walter,* and at 12 years old, contracted to *Emme,* daughter of *William Gostelyne* of *Snetesham,* chief steward to *Robert,* Lord *Montalt,* lord of *Rysing,* &c. he was esquire to *Thomas de Brotherton* Earl of *Norfolk,* in the *Scotch* and *French* wars; and in 1426, accompanied *Maurice de Dersingham* to the Holy Land, and there knighted, 1348, at the Holy Sepulchre, with Sir *Armand de Aspays,* by the Viscount *Caremayne,* in the presence of many *French, Spanish,* and *German* nobility: he had many sons and daughters who died *s. p.*"

"*Andrew,* his 2d son, was his heir, born in 1328, was at the battle of *Cressy,* and at the siege of *Calais,* in the retinue of the Earl of *Warwick,* and after at the siege of the city of *Rennes,* in *Bretagne,* being wounded by a great stone, he languished and died, about a year after, aged 31, and was buried in this church, and succeeded by *William* his brother, 6th son of Sir *Andrew*."

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[8] Rot. Hund. in Cur. Recept. S'ccij.

[9] Reg. Binh. fol. 150.

Sir *Andrew de Sharnbourn*, knight, in the 30th of *Edward* III. had the King's protection, being to accompany the Prince of *Wales* into *Spain*:[1] this was that *Andrew* whom the MS. calls esquire, 2d son of Sir *Andrew*, and at the siege of *Rhenes*, in 1359: he died in 1360, supposing the MS. true.

In the 8th of *Edward* III. 1334, a fine was levied between *Andrew de Sharnborn* and *Emme* his wife, lord of this manor, and *Thomas*, son of *William Gostelyn*, &c. on a settlement.

Sir *Andrew de Sharnburne*, purchased messuages and lands of *Henry Broun*, in *Tilney*, by fine, in the 37th of *Edward* III. *ao*. 1363.

"*William de Sharnborne*, 6th son of Sir *Andrew*, and heir to his brother, succeeded, and left two daughters and coheirs; *Margery*, the 2d daughter, wife of *William Champneys*, who had issue, but they dying *s. p.* the whole interest and inheritance of the *Shernbourns* in this town, &c. was in *Clarice*, eldest daughter, and wife of *John Toly*, Esq. and descended to *Margaret*, their sole daughter and heir, who married *Richard Elleswich*, Esq. 1408, of *Ribchester* in *Lancashire*, father of *Thomas Elleswyke*, Esq. who assumed the name of *Sharnbourne*: he was groom of the chamber to Queen *Margaret*, consort to King *Henry* VI. and married *Jemona de Cherneys*, one of her maids of honour, a *French* woman, and dying in 1458, *Feb*. 3, was here buried."

William de Sharnborne, Esq. married (as I find) *Joan*, daughter of Sir *Robert de Ilketeshale*, of *Ilketeshale* in *Suffolk*, and of *Kelling* and *Hedenham* in *Norfolk*, by whom he had 2 daughters and coheirs, *Claricia* and *Margery*, or *Margaret*, who were coheirs to Sir *Robert*.

This *William* had the manor of *Kelling*, demised to him, by Sir *Robert de Morley*, Knt. and *Claricia* his wife, (late widow of Sir *Robert de Ilketeshale*, and mother of *Joan*) for 10 years, as a portion for his wife, *Joan*, as appears from a deed of Sir *William de Kerdeston*, Knt. feoffees of that manor, and of release to *William* aforesaid, in the 5th of *Richard* II.

In the 11th of *Henry* IV. a fine was levied between *Henry Malpas*, clerk, *William Dersingham*, &c. querents, *William Champenys*, and *Margaret* his wife, a daughter and coheir of *William de Shernborne*, of the moiety of this manor, with lands in *South Lynne*, *Wygenhale*, &c. conveyed to *Dersingham*, by fine, in trust.

In the 7th of *Henry* V. *Richard Ellyswyk*, Esq. of *Sharnborne*, and *Margaret* his wife, were querents in a fine, and *John Champneys*, of *Reynham*, junior, &c. deforciants, whereby the moiety of this manor was settled on *Margaret* in tail, quit of the heirs of *John Champneys*.

By a fine, levied in the 10th of *Henry* VI. *Laurence Fitz-Piers*, son of *Margery*, daughter of *Idonia*, one of the sisters of Sir *Thomas Ilketeshale*, knight, deceased, and *Margery*, late wife of *Thomas Seyve*, another of the sisters of Sir *Thomas* and *Margaret*, late the wife of *Richard Elleswyke*, daughter of *Joan*, who was another sister (as said) were found to be heirs of the said Sir *Thomas Ilketeshale*, by which it appears that the said *Richard* was then dead; *Margaret's* son, by

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[1] Rot. Vascon.——Reymer's Fœd. v. p. 845.

Richard, changed his name; for it appears that *Thomas Sharnborne*, Esq.[2] son and heir of *Richard Elleswyke*, was bound to *Thomas Deyvile* in 500*l.* by bond, dated *November* 18, *ao* 34th of *Henry* VI. with a condition to stand to the arbitration of Sir *Thomas Tudenham*, and *John Heydon*, between him and *Isabel*, widow of Sir *Thomas Ilketeshale*, about the differences between them.

Deyvile married the said *Isabel*, and this difference related to the lordships of *Kelling*, and *Hedenham.*

Thomas died about the 4th of *Edward* IV. in which year the relief was paid for lands in *Midleton*, held by him.

" *John Sharnborne*, Esq. succeeded his father, *Thomas*, and took to wife, *Anne*, a daughter and coheir of *John Curson*, of *Billingford*, by *Joan* his wife, by whom he had *Henry* his son and heir, and several daughters; *Joan* married to *George Kelsull* of *Ramsey*, and *Elizabeth* to *Edmund Doget*, of *Henyngham*, &c."

He died seized of this manor in the 3d of *Henry* VII. 1487.

" *Henry*, the eldest son, was born 1474, and married *Isabel*, daughter of Sir *Richard Fitz-Lewes* of *Essex*: he was knighted by King *Henry* VIII. provost marshal, and Vice-admiral of *England*, and was killed in a sea fight with the *French.*

Sir *Henry* was knighted in the year 1511, *ao.* 1 *Henry* VIII. had a patent *May* 7, *ao.* 20 *Henry* VIII. to be marshal of the *King's Bench*; and in the 26th of that King, *Isabel* was his widow, and *Thomas Sharnborne*, Esq. her son, was living.

Thomas, son and heir of Sir *Henry*, was with his father when killed, and aged 18, and afterwards deaf by discharge of the guns; was servant to the Princess *Mary*, and married *Elizabeth*, daughter of ——— *Atwell*, maid of honour to the said princess, by whom he had children who died young; by *Blith*, his second wife, daughter of *John Brampton* in *Norfolk*, he had several sons and a daughter, *Dorothy*, wife of *John Plumsted*, Esq. remarried to *Robert Nicholls*: he died *March* 22, 1559, and *Blith* surviving, married *Launcelot Smalpiece* of *Hokering*, Gent. and died in 1602, being here buried by her husband.

The will of this *Thomas* is dated *April* 11, 1557, and was proved *May* 12, 1559.[3]

Christopher Sharnborne, Esq. eldest son of *Thomas*, was born *October* 12, 1542, by his wife, *Anne*, daughter of *Aubrey de Vere*, brother to *John* Earl of *Oxford*, and dying *July* 7, 1575, aged 34, was here buried, leaving *Francis* his son and heir.

Christopher had livery of it, and of *Hedenham* manor, and *Cecile's* in *Snetesham*, about the 5th of *Elizabeth.*

Francis Shernborne, Esq. was the last of this family that bore the name of *Shernbourn*; he married *Martha*, (as it is said) a daughter of Sir *George Colt*, of *Cavendish* in *Suffolk*, and had by her, *Mary*, his daughter and heir, married to Sir *Augustine Sotherton* of *Taverham*, by *Norwich.*

Anne his mother, survived his father, *Christopher*, and remarried *John Stubbs* of *Thelveton.*

In the 24th of *Elizabeth*, *Edward Mannock*, and *Stephen Drury*, had a *præcipe* to render to *Richard Bladwell* and *Edward Allen*, *East Hall* manor in *Sharnburne*.

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[2] This Thomas married Jamona, a maid of honour to Queen Margaret, consort to King Henry VI. to which queen the said Thomas was chamberlain.

[3] Regist. Sagges, Norw. p. 58.

This town, after the death of *Francis Shernborne*, was sold to *Francis Ashe*, a *Muscovy* merchant of *London*, who gave it by lease and release, dated 1654, and *August* 15, 1655, to *Emanuel* college in *Cambridge*, who hold the lordship at this time.

WINDHAM PRIORY MANOR.

Jeffrey, son of *Eudo de Sharnburne*, gave them lands;[4] and *Rob. de Rusteyn* gave 40 acres here, of the fee of *Nicholas de Sharnburne*, for his own, his wife *Aldred's* soul, and for the souls of the *Albineys*, his lords, Earls of *Sussex*.

This *Nicholas*, though lord here, is not mentioned in the MS. *Henry*, son of *Ralph de Sharnborne*, gave lands, as did Sir *Robert Tharum*, *Eustace de Bovent*, and *Thomas*, son of *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, gave 27 acres in this town.

King *Edward* I. in his 12th year, granted the prior free warren herein, and 1428, their temporalities were valued at *3l. 3s. 4d. per ann.*

LEWES PRIORY MANOR.

The priory of *Lewes* had the assise of bread and beer of his tenants here, *ao.* 3d *Edward* I. and in 1428, his temporalities were valued at *2l.* 10*s. per ann.*

The arms of *Sharnborne* were *gules*, a lion rampant, *or*, which were the arms of their lords, *De Albiny*, of whom they held lands, and a canton, *ermine*, was added for distinction.

In the old hall, and other rooms, were formerly these following arms, painted on the glass:

Gules, two greyhounds combatant, *or*, *Dogget*, impaling *argent*, a chevron, between three seamows heads, *sable*; *Norman*, quere if not a chevron, *azure*, between three unicorns heads erased; *Sharnbourne* and *Elleswick*, *argent*, on a chevron between three eaglets, with two heads displayed, *gules*, as many bezants, quarterly; *Sharnborne* and *Elleswick*, quarterly, impaling *gules*, a saltire between four cross crosslets, fitchè, *argent*, *Brampton*; *azure*, three standing cups, *or*, barry of eight, *argent* and *azure*, a griffin, segreant, *or*, *Caus*; ermin, a bend, checque, *sable* and *argent*, *Curson*; *Sharnbourn*, impaling *Curson*, and *Felton* quarterly; *or*, a fess between two chevronels, *gules*, and a canton, ermine, *Ilketeshale*; *azure*, three lions heads erased, *argent*, *Tooly*.

The tenths were 4*l*. 10*s*. Deduct 13*s*. 4*d*.

The Church is an antique pile, dedicated to St. *Peter*, but not built by *Fælix*, the Bishop, as the *Sherborn* MS. represents, by fabulous tradition;[5] has a body, with a south isle covered with lead, never had any tower, and the chancel has been long in ruins.

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[4] Regist. Abbat. Wymond. p. 62, 83, 92, &c.

[5] See in Flitcham.

At the upper end of the church was a gravestone with the portraitures of a man and his wife, and

Tho. Sherneborne camerar. D'ne Margarete Anglie regine, et Jamone uxor. ejus quo' da' domicellarie ejusd. regine.

Under the inscription *Sharnborne,* impaling three martlets in fess, and a file of three in chief, *De Cherneys.*

Weaver says this monument was so foully defaced in his his time,[6] that nothing could be made of it, the vulture displayed only remaining, the crest of the family.

In the nave, a stone for

George Houghton, gent. who died in 1737, *aged* 57.

In the church were the arms of the Lords *Mowbray, Albiny, Ross, Vaux,* with those of *Walkfare, Felton, Wesenham, Gourney, Repps, Elmham,* or *Ellingham, Stanhow, Calthorp, Harsick, Ingaldesthorp,* and ermine, on a fess, *gules,* three escallops, *or, Seckford; sable,* chevron, between three trefoils, sliped, *argent, Fitz-Lewes.*

Also the guild of St. *Peter,* and that of St. *John* Baptist in the church.

The rectory was appropriated to the priory of *Pentney,* and the presentation to the vicarage was in that house.

In the 3d year of *Edward* I. the jury for the hundred present that it was given to that priory by *Nicholas de Scarneborne* in the time of King *John,* and their spiritualities in 1428, were valued at 12 marks; the priory had a grange, with 20 acres of land, the vicarage at 40*s.* *Peter*-pence 11*d.*

Peter Lord *Valoines,* and *Albreda* his wife, on their foundation of the priory of *Binham,* gave two parts of the tithes of their lordship here to it; but that being held of the *Valoines* by the *Sharnborn* family, *Wydo de Sharnborne,* in the 10th of King *John,* conveyed it by fine to *Nicholas de Sharnborne,* who presently after gave the whole tithe of the town, belonging to him, to *Pentney* priory. And it is to be observed, that no mention either of this *Wydo* alias *Eudo,* or of *Nicholas,* though both lords of the town, or of this gift, is made, in the MS. aforesaid.[7]

The temporalities of *Pentney* priory were 4*s.* 7*d. ob.*

At the dissolution of the rectory, it came to the Crown, and was granted with the patronage of the vicarage, to the Bishop of *Ely,* by act of parliament, *ao.* 4 *Elizabeth,* for lands belonging to that see, by way of exchange.

The present valor of the vicarage is 8*l.*

VICARS.

1300, *Stephen de Linn,* vicar, by the prior, &c. of *Pentney.*
1306, *William de Strattone.*
1309, *Adam de Saxlingham.*
1317, *William de Colkirk.*

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[6] Fun. Mon. p. 825.

[7] Regist. Priorat. Binham fol. 2, &c.

1327, *Richard Wymer.*
1333, *John Yol.*
1349, *Richard Stanynge.*
1349, *Gilbert de Holkham.*
1352, *John Mayster. Richard* occurs vicar, 1370.
1371, *Martyn de Newton.*
1378, *Stephen Reynald.*
1383, *William de Wate.*
1392, *John Ryche.*
1409, *Symon Brunne.*
1410, *John Knot.*
1410, *Thomas Hogun.*
1411, *Thomas Wreetre.*
1472, *Thomas Godwill.*
1438, *Roger Janneson.*
1443, *Thomas Clerk.*
Roger Multon.
1460, *John Vernon.*
1478, *John Sterling.*
1505, *Simon Lawrimer.*
1530, *Florence Semer.*
15--, *Thomas Pety.*
1544, *Thomas Aunger,* by *John Dethick,* Gent. assignee of the prior, &c.
1555, *Edward Arnold,* collated by the bishop, a lapse.
1557, *Thomas Rogerson. Ditto.*
1572, *Edmund Frankling. Ditto.*
1573, *John Lynley. Ditto.*
1574, *Marmaduke Cholmley,* by the Queen.
1577, *John Sharparrow, ditto;* in 1603, he certified that there were 153 communicants.
1616, *Roger Wolterton,* by the Bishop of *Ely.*
1620, *Roger Wolterton. Ditto.*
1626, *Francis Drake,* by the King, the see of *Ely* then void.
1660, *William Houghton,* by the Bishop of *Ely.*
1699, *William Houghton. Ditto.*
1748, *Charles Buckle,* on *Houghton's* death, by *ditto.*
1751, *Archibald Kerr. Ditto.*

In the 13th of *Elizabeth,* there was a pension called perpetual, by the Queen's receiver general, to the vicar, of 17 marks *per ann.*

SOUTHMERE AND DOCKING.

I SHALL treat of these two towns together, as they are now united, and as their manors or lordships extended into each. *Southmere* was a considerable town in King *Edward's* reign, and at the survey, though now all included in *Docking*: it lies north-west, about two miles from *Docking*, where now is a large farm and house, called by corruption, *Summer-Field House*.

Herold held it in the Confessor's time, and when he was King of *England*, and on his death, the Conqueror seized it, and was lord of it at the survey.

In *Harold's* time there were three carucates in demean, 21 villains, 2 borderers, and 6 servi, with one carucate amongst the men or tenants, &c. 31 freemen belonged to it, with a carucate and 16 acres, and 15 socmen, each holding 60 acres, making 8 carucates, and one carucate and a half might be recovered; also one socman with 14 acres, and another with 60 acres, formerly a carucate.

Titchwell and *Berwick*, were beruites to it, and with them, were valued in the whole, in *Harold's* time, at 7*l.* but at the survey at 30*l.*

Roger Bigot seems to hold it then, at the King's pleasure; *Brum* his steward, took away from it four socmen with 4 acres, which *Roger* held, and another with 60 acres, half a carucate formerly.[8]

SOUTHMERE-MANOR.

William Luvel, son of *Goel de Yberi*, was the first lord that I meet with about 1100, from whom descended *William Luvel*, brother of *Walter de Yberi*, who in the 3d of *Richard* I. gave 110 marks fine to have seizen of it;[9] probably as heir to his brother, who was descended from that *William* who first assumed the surname of *Lovell*, being son of *Asceline Goell*, (son to *Robert*, lord of *Iberi* in *Normandy*) and *Isabel* his wife, natural daughter of *William de Britolio*, (brother to *Roger de Britolio* Earl of *Hereford*, and to this *William* who lived in the reign of *Henry* I. or his father *Goell*, was this lordship granted, (as I conceive,) by the said King *Henry*.

William Luvell paid in the 12th of King *John*, 20*s.* scutage for one knight's fee here, and one of the same name held it in the 12th of *Henry* II.

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[8] H. de Dochinge. Terra Regis —— ——Suthmere tenuit Herold. tem. Reg. E. tnc. iii car. in d'nio. p. et mo. ii tnc. xxi vill. p. et mo. xix semp. ii bor. et vi ser. et i car. hom sep. iii r. et i an et iii por. et lxxxvii ov. hic jacent xxxi soc. xvi ac. i car. et xv soc. un'quisq; lx ac. viii car. et i car. et dim. posset restaurari, et i soc. xiiii ac. et i soc. lx ac. tc. i car.—Hoc totu' val. tc. vii lib. p. xx mo. xxx et iiii soc. iiii ac. t're t. r. e. qd. p. qua' rex venit et p'q; Rog. hoc man. recep. Brum p'posit. R. Bigot tulit de manerio hoc, et mo. tenet Rog. et i soc. lx ac. dim. car.

[9] Rot. Pip.

[1] See Dugd. Bar. vol. i. p. 557.

John Lovell was lord in the 8th of *Henry* III. when his lands were seized, for not attending that King, in his expedition against the *Welch* as were *William Talbot's*, and *William Talmarshe's* in *Suffolk;* and in the 18th of that King, is entered in the close rolls his writ to have tallage of his tenants, the King having talliated his demeans.

It appears about this time to be the custom of this manor, that when the King tallaged his tenants in soccage, he had a like power, and that if a daughter or sister, of one who held in soccage, married out of the soc, 10*s.* was to be paid to the lord; and if within the soc, 2*s.*

On a pleading, if *John Luvel,* the lord, had disseized *John de Dockynge* of his free tenements, the said *John* pleads that his lordship was ancient demean of the King, and that no writ could be granted, unless first a writ of right.

In the 35th of the aforesaid King, *John* Lord *Lovel* had a grant of free warren, a weekly mercate and fair, at *Docking,* into which town this lordship extended.

On the death of *John* Lord *Lovel,* in the 4th of *Edward* II. he was found to leave by *Joan,* his 2d wife, daughter of *Robert* Lord *Ross* of *Hamlake, John* his son and heir; and by *Isabel,* his first wife, sister and heir of *William de Bois,* an only daughter, *Maud,* then the wife of *William la Zouche;* and that there was here a capital messuage 600 acres of land, 240 acres of heath, rent of assize, &c. at 22*l.* 11*s.* 4*d. per ann.*

There was also at *Docking* a capital messuage, called *Sandislond,* 300 acres of land, rent of assize, &c. valued at 10*l.* 1*s.* 6*d. per ann.*

The said *John* held, together with *Isabell* his wife, of the feoffment of his father, to him, &c. 400 acres, a windmill, a weekly mercate on *Thursday,* in *Dochinge,* by the 8th part of a fee, and he also held in *Doching,* 100 acres, of *Nicholas de Camera,* by the 8th part of a fee.

After this, the aforesaid lordship became divided, and was held by *John* Lord *Lovell,* son of the aforesaid *John* by *Joan* his wife, and by *Maud* his daughter, by *Isabel* his first wife, married to *William Zouche,* lord of *Haringworth.*

LOVELL'S MANOR, OR SOUTHMERE.

John Lord *Lovel* of *Tichmarshe* died seized of it in the 8th of *Edward* II. and left by *Maud* his wife, (daughter and heir of Sir *Philip Burnel) Joan* his daughter and heir, which *Joan,* as far as I can find, either died young, or had no interest herein.

John Lord *Lovell* died seized of it in the 21st of *Edward* III. Whose son this *John* was, *Dugdale* does not mention, but breaks off in the pedigree somewhat incoherently. I have seen a certain writing wherein he is said to be the son of *Thomas Lovel,* (a younger branch of this family,) by *Maud* his wife, and that this *John* left by *Isabel* his wife, a son and heir, *John,* aged 6 years, who died under age in the 35th of the said King, leaving *John,* his brother and heir, who had livery of his lands in 1363; he married *Maud,* daughter of *Robert de Holand,* son of Sir *Robert de Holand,* and died lord of this manor, in the 9th of *Henry* IV. and *John Lovel* was his son and heir, who by *Alianore* his wife, daughter of the Lord *Zouch*, and St. *Maur*, left *Ao.* 4, of *Henry* V. *William*, his son and heir.

This *William* Lord *Lovel*,[2] *Burnel*, and *Holand*, in the 8th year of *Henry* V. *December* 8, conveyed to Sir *John Ratcliff* and *Catherine* his wife, this manor of *Lovels* in *Southmere* and *Docking*, which *Catherine* was the eldest daughter and co-heir of Sir *Edward Burnel*, Knt. son of Sir *Hugh Burnel*, son of *Nicholas Burnel*, son of Sir *John Handle, alias Burnel*, second husband to *Maud*, sister and heir to Sir *Philip Burnel*, who first married *John* Lord *Lovel*. And in the 1st of *Edward* IV. *John Ratcliff*, Esq. son and heir of Sir *John*, was found to die seised, by an inquisition taken at *Pykenham Wade*, before *Richard Croppel*, escheator.

In this family it continued till *Robert Ratcliff* Earl of *Sussex* sold it in 1597, to *John Hare*, Esq. son of *John Hare*, citizen and mercer of *London*, whose son, *Hugh Hare*, was created Lord *Colrain* in *Ireland*, *August* 3, 1625.

Hugh Hare, Esq. second son of *Hugh* Lord *Colrain*, had the grant of it from his father. He married *Catherine*, daughter of *John Holt*, Esq. of *Salisbury* in *Wiltshire*, by whom he had issue three sons and one daughter, *viz. Henry*, many years collector of the customs in the port of *Lynn*: he died *October* 24, 1733.—2d *John*, a captain in the royal navy, who died in the service of his country.—3d *Lucy*, married to Major-general *Henry Holt*; she died in the year 1723.—4th *Hugh Charles*, rector of *Southmere* and *Gressenhall*; he married Mrs. *Winifred Brady*.

Upon the death of the honourable and reverend *Hugh Charles Hare*, *January* 28, 1743, the estate and manor abovementioned, devolved to his only surviving child and heiress *Catherine*, who was married *August* 28, 1740, to *Henry Holt Henley*, Esq. of *Leigh*, representative in parliament for *Lyme Regis*, in *Dorsetshire*: he died *May* 8, 1748.

Mrs. *Henley* found the lands here ill cultivated, destitute of wood, and spring water, and proverbially called *Dry Docking*.

By her constantly residing in, and by a benevolent and sensible attention to the various interests and wants of the place, both have been consulted and provided for.

In different parts of her estate above 140 acres have by her been planted with various kinds of wood: and four wells sunk between 180 and 190 feet deep; exclusive of one in the centre of the town, for the common use of the inhabitants; who are daily reaping the advantages, and enjoying the fruits of the well-directed beneficence of a lady, whose name will be ever dear, and whose memory will always be respected in the place; she is happy in seeing (and may she long survive to see) it flourish in plenty and prosperity.

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[2] This William Lord Lovel bore quarterly—in the 1st and 4th barry, nebuly of six, or, and gules, Lovell, in the 2d and 3d azure, a lion rampant, guardant, and semy of lys, argent—Holand; and in an escotcheon of pretence, quarterly in the 1st and 4th azure a fess indented between 10 billets, or, Deincourt;—in 2d and 3d barry of six, or and vert, a bend over all, gules, Poinings.——Crest, a dog passant.——Hence the sarcastick verses,

The Rat, the Cat, and Lovel the Dog,
Ruled all England under the Hog.

DOCKING, OR ZOUCH'S MANOR.

William Zouch, Lord *Haringworth*, gave name to this lordship, of which he was possessed in right of *Maud* his wife, daughter and heir to *John* Lord *Lovel*, by *Isabel* his first wife, and dying in the 26th year of King *Edward* III. *William la Zouche*, his grandson, was his heir, son of *Ivo*, or *Eudo*, by *Joan* his wife, daughter of *William Inge*, (which *Ivo* died before his father) and had livery the next year of this and all his inheritance: this *William* left at his death, on St. *George's* day, in the 5th of *Richard* II. by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *William* Lord *Ross* of *Hamlake*, *William* his son and heir, who on his death in the 13th of the said King, was succeeded by his son and heir, *William*, by *Elizabeth* his wife, who survived him, and died in the 9th of *Henry* IV.

This last *William*, lord *Zouch*, had livery of his lands in the 20th of *Richard* II. and married *Alice*, daughter and heir of *Richard de St. Maur*, Knt. and died seised of this manor *November* 3, in the 3d of *Henry* V. and *William la Zouch*, his son and heir, was aged 13 years; he left on his death in the 8th of *Edward* IV. *John*, his son, who succeeded him; this *John* Lord *Zouche* was son, as I take it, of *William* Lord *Zouche*, by *Catherine* his wife, daughter of Sir *William Plomstead*, and was after re-married to Sir *Gilbert de Debenham*, and died in *October*, *A*°. 10th of *Edward* IV. *William* Lord *Zouch*, his father, was son of *William* Lord *Zouche*, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of the Lord *St. John*, she re-married *John* Lord *Scroop*, and died *A*°. 7th of *Edward* IV. so that *Dugdale* has omitted one descent, or else *William* Lord *Zouch* must have married two wives, *Alice*, daughter, &c. of *Richard de St. Maur*, and *Elizabeth*, a second wife, daughter of St. *John*.

John Lord *Zouch* aforesaid, married *Joan*, one of the 4 sisters and heirs to Sir *John Dynham*, Knt. Lord *Dynham*, but taking part with *Richard* the 3d, and engaging on his side at *Bosworth-field*, was attainted *November* 7, in the 1st of *Henry* VII. and restored by parliament *October* 14, in the 11th year of the said king, and dying *June* 23, *A*°. 18th of *Henry* VIII. *John*, his son, was his heir, aged 46; but it is more probable that he died according to the inquisition, *January* 30, *A*°. 17, his son *John*, by the lady *Joan*, having then livery of his lands; it appears that by his will, he bequeathed his body to be buried in a chantry (then lately founded by him) in the priory of *Staverdale* in *Somersetshire*,[3] Sir *John Fitz-James*, Knt. lord chief baron of the Exchequer, and Sir *John Zouch*, his son, being executors, and was proved *March* 20, 1525.

John Lord *Zouch*, his son, conveyed it by fine, with 40 messuages and lands in divers adjoining towns, to Sir *Thomas L'Estrange* and the lady *Anne* his wife, in *Michaelmas* term, *A*°. 21, of *Henry* VIII. his son Sir *Nicholas* was lord in the 37th of that King, and in the said family it was about 1600.

Richard Hovell, Esq. was lord in the reign of King *James* I. and Sir *William Hovell* kept his first court in 1661, and by the marriage of *Dorothy*, his second daughter and coheir, it came to *Martin Folkes*, Esq. of *Grey's Inn*, whose son *Martin Folks*, Esq. president of the Royal Society dying seized of it in 175-, it descended to *William Folks*, Esq. his brother, the present lord, as may be seen at large in *Hillington.*

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[3] Regist. Perche in Cur. Prerog. Cant.

Besides the lordships abovementioned in *Southmere* and *Docking*, a freeman held in *Docking* a carucate of land under Archbishop *Stigand*, which with three borderers was granted by the Conqueror, to his brother *Odo* Bishop of *Baieux*,[4] and he being attainted by King *William* II. was given by that King, to *William de Albinj*, his butler, ancestor to the Earls of *Arundel*, and was valued under *Sneteshum.*

Also *Eudo*, son of *Spiruwin*, had a lordship which *Rinold* held under him, and *Aluric* under *Stigand* in the Confessor's time; to which there belonged one carucate in demean, 5 villains and 5 borderers, 2 servi, one carucate amongst the men, &c. and one carucate might be restored, valued at 20*s.*; the whole was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 5*s.* and 2*d. ob.* gelt, whoever possessed it.[5]

Both these lordships in the reign of *Henry* III. centered in the family of *de Tateshale*, *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel* and *Sussex* dying without issue, *Mabel*, his eldest sister, and coheir, brought to *Robert* Lord *Tateshale*, by marriage, late *Stigand's* or *Odo's* manor.

Eudo, who was lord of the other, was founder, or ancestor of the *Tateshale* family, and had a son *Hugh*, father of *Robert de Tateshale*, who lived in 1139,[6] and held this lordship; his son *Philip* was father of *Robert* Lord *Tateshale*, whose son *Robert de Tateshale*, lord of this manor, by the marriage of *Mabel* aforesaid, (heiress of the other) enjoyed them both, and united them.

The family of the *Lovels* held also a considerable part of this town under the Lords *de Albinj* Earls of *Arundel*, together with their manor of *Southmere*, which extended into *Docking*, as has been observed; and in the reign of *Henry* III. *John Lovell* and *Martin de Suthmere* held the 5th part of a fee of *Robert* Lord *Tateshale*, as did *John de Lovell*, and *Robert de Docking* two parts of a fee.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *John de Titchwell* held the 4th part of a fee here and in *Sneteshum*, of the heirs of the *Tateshales*, and at the same time *Ralph de Hinton* and *Beatrix* his wife held two parts of a fee by the same tenure, and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *John*, son of Sir *Constantine Clifton*, &c. as heir to the *Tateshales*, was the capital lord.

In the 37th of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Nicholas L'Estrange* held of the King this lordship, (as I take it) part of the barony of *Tateshale.*

Docking tenths were 13*l.*—Deduct 1*l.* and *Southmere* tenths 6*l.*—Deduct 40*s.*

In *Southmere* was a manor called *Warner*'s.

Anthony Gamage had in the 4th of *Elizabeth* license to convey it to *Robert Futter*; and the Earl of *Sussex*, in the 39th of that Queen, to grant it to *John Hare*, Esq.

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[4] H. de Dochinge Terre epi. Baiocensis——Dochinge i car. tre. ten. lib. ho'. sub. Stigando, semp. dim. car. iii bor. hoc est in p'tio de Snetesh.

[5] H. de Dochinge, Terre Eudonis filij Spiruwinj.

Dochinge ten. idem qd. tenuit Aluric' T. R. E. sub. Stigando sep. i car. in d'nio et v vill. et v bor. tc. ii s. tc' i car. hou'. mo. i car. et dim. sep. i r. et i vac. et xvii por. LXXX ov. et i car. posset restaurari, et val. xx sol. tota ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et reddit v sol. et iid. et i obol. de gelto q'cq. ibi teneat.

[6] See in Babingley.

The CHURCH of *Docking* is dedicated to St. *Mary*; covered with lead, and a chancel tiled.

At the west end is a large square tower with one bell.

At the bottom, or west end of the nave, on a grave-stone,

Orate p. aia'b; Willi. Stowe et Agnetis uxor. ejus.

In the chancel on a marble grave-stone,

Carolus Hare, armiger, filius quarto genitus Hugonis Baronis de Colerain, sub spe beatæ resurrectionis, cœlebs vixit et mortuus est, sepult. Maij 18, 1685.

On three marble stones adjoining are the following inscriptions;

The honourable Henry Hare, Esq; Oct. 24, 1733, *aged* 62.

The honourable and reverend Hugh Charles Hare, Jan. 28, 1743, *aged* 68.

Winifred, the faithful wife and widow of the honourable and reverend Hugh Charles Hare, Aug. 14, 1761, *aged* 82.

The plate for the communion service, *viz.* one large flagon, one covered cup, and a plate to receive the alms of the communicants, were presented to the church by this family. And complete and handsome furniture for the pulpit, desk, and communion table, by Mrs. *Winifred Hare*.

On the buttresses of the north side, -------, a fess between three roses, ----------, a cross, ----------, and a cross ingrailed.

It was anciently a rectory valued at 46 marks, and appropriated to the priory of *Ibrey* in *France*, given by *Goel de Ibreyo*, as is said, and in the 28th of *Edward* I. *John* Lord *Lovell* quitclaimed to that abbot and his successours all his right in the advowsons of this church, with those of *Southmere* and *Titchwell*.

The vicarage, as appears from *Norwich Domesday Book*, in the reign of *Edward* I. was endowed with 50 acres, and had a manse, valued at 15 marks, *Peter*-pence 2*s*. 8*d*.; temporalities of *Norwich* priory 6*s*. 8*d*.; of *Creke* abbey 2*s*. 6*d*. *ob*.; present valor of the vicarage 13*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

Here was a cell belonging to the abbey or priory of *Ibrey* in *France*, and was dissolved in the parliament held at *Leicester* in the 2d of *Henry* V. (when all the alien priories in *England* were suppressed, and then given to the Crown) and was granted by him to his mother-in-law *Joan* Queen Dowager of *England*, who died seized of it in the 15th of *Henry* VI. and in the 19th of the said King, was given to his college of *Eaton*, with the rectory and all its appertenances as is above-mentioned.

At this time it is in the college of *Eton*, who present (as rectors) the vicar, on the Bishop of *Norwich's* nomination. King *Edward* IV. in his first year, confirmed the grant of it to *Eton* college;

VICARS.

1305, Mr. *Andrew de Ely,* collated to the vicarage by the Bishop, a lapse.

1315, *Walter de Secheford,* collated by the Bishop, the abbot and convent of *Ibrey* refusing to present (as was used) on the Bishop's nomination.

1349, *Robert de Hilderston,* on the Bishop's nomination, and the King's presentation, the temporalities of the abbey of *Ibrey* being in his hands.[7]

1380, *Roger Panton. Ditto.*
1393, *John Austyn. Ditto.*
1393, *Nic. Aubal. Ditto.*
1399, *Walter Wardeboys. Ditto.*
1401, *William Bridde. Ditto.*
1412, Mr. *William Thorndon. Ditto.*
1412, *Robert Baly. Ditto.*
1413, *Richard Reynere,* by the King.

1452, *William Skypwith,* on the Bishop's nomination, and presentation of the provost, and college of *Eton.*

1455, *John Smart.*
1460, *John Bayly. Ditto.*
1465, *William Wra. Ditto.*
1477, *William Snath, A. M. Ditto.*
1501, *Nicholas Chore. Ditto.*
1506, *John Naper. Ditto.*
1510, *William Alyn.*
1545, *John Gamon.*
Mr. *Richard Barkwaye, alias Ganon, S. T. P.*
1554, *John Acres. Ditto.*
1581, *John Ledall,* presented by *Eton* college.

1612, *Ignatius Holderness,* on the Bishop's nomination, and college presentation.

1644, *Edmund Godwyn. Ditto.*
1662, *Thomas Windet. Ditto.*
John Borrett.
1686, *John Cooper. Ditto.*
1699, *William Gough. Ditto.*
1708, *Hugh Charles Hare. Ditto.*
1711, *Charles Trimnell,* by the provost, &c. of *Eton* college.
1714, *John Magill. Ditto.*
1750, *William Smith. Ditto.*
1766, *Humphrey Christian, A. M.*

Here were St. *Mary* and St. *John* Baptist's gilds.

In 1603, here were 243 communicants, as then returned to the King, &c.

William Docking, rector of *Cockley Cley,* wills in 1415, to be buried before the altar of St. *John* Baptist, on the south side of the church, and gives 20*l.* to the glazing of a window thereby, and to the building of the tower.

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[7] William de Kynardeby admitted rector about 1356, on the king's presentation.

Richard Thorp, by his will, gives to the *Homestede* and inhabitants of *Docking* half his seven roods of free land, lying at the *High Mere*, and 9 elms to the building of a mill, to be set up upon the said land.[8]

I find also a legacy to the reparation of the organs in 1561.

Robert de Wennesval gave his tithes here to the priory of *Castleacre*,[9] to which *William* Earl *Warren*, his lord, and his nobles were witnesses.

William, the second Earl *Warren*, confirmed to that priory 2 parts of the tithe of *Ralph de Baliol*, in *Docking*, and 2 parts of the tithe of *Jeffrey de Quilverd* in *Docking*.

The church of *Southmere* was dedicated to *All-Saints*; the rector had a manse with half an acre of land, and was valued at 10 marks.

The abbot of *Ibrey* was patron, and had a portion of tithe valued at 5 marks.—*Peter*-pence 9*d*.

RECTORS.

1313, *Clement de Pecham*, presented by the proctor of the abbot and convent of *Ibrey*.
1314, *John de Wylton. Ditto.*
1330, *William de Gilden Morden. Ditto.*
1349, *Thomas Dounham*, by the King, the temporalities of that abbey being in him.
William de Kynardeby admitted rector, about 1356, on the King's presentation.
Jeffrey Navarre.
1374, *Thomas Ferrour*, by the abbot. *Ditto.*
1378, *John de Laxton. Ditto.*
1385, *John Maddy. Ditto.*
1396, *William Farefeld. Ditto.*
1398, *John Smith. Ditto.*
1410, *Thomas Roger. Ditto.*
1414, *Thomas Dallyng. Ditto.*
1424, *William Lea. Ditto.*
1465, *William Pikenham*, LLD. collated by the Bishop, a lapse.
1473, *William Kemp*, by the provost, &c. of *Eton.*
Humfrey Derecom.
1502, *John Heyden. Ditto.*
1546, *Oliver Stoning*, S.T.B. *Ditto.*
1554, *William Dobson, ditto*; at this time it is said there were no churchwardens or inhabitants.
1561, *William Atkinson. Ditto.*
1582, *Baldw. Collyns. Ditto.*
1616, *Thomas Allen. Ditto.*
1636, *Thomas Wever. Ditto.*
1703, *Abr. Wilkins*, by the Queen, a lapse.
1704, *Charles Trimnell*, S.T.P. *ditto*, afterwards Bishop of *Norwich.*

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[8] Reg. Rix p. 54.

[9] Reg. Castleac. fol. 50, 86.

1707, *Robert Cannon*, S.T.P. *ditto*, afterwards dean of *Lincoln.*

1722, *Hugh Hare*, on *Cannon's* death. *Ditto.*

1744, *Thomas Deresley. Ditto.*

The church was standing in 1378; in Queen *Elizabeth's* time it was in ruins.

SNETTESHAM LORDSHIP,

So called (says a modern author) at this time, but corruptly, for *Netesham*,[1] its ancient name, being famous for the herds of cows, whereas, in the most ancient record, the book of *Domesday*, we find it wrote as above, *Snettesham* taking its name from an adjoining rivulet called (as I conceive) *Snet*, so that it is a *Ham*, on the water of *Snet:* thus we find *Snetterton* or *Snetretuna*, as the *Saxons* called it, that is a town on the river (or *rey*) of *Snet*, in *Shropham* hundred, *Snitterton* in *Lincolnshire*, *Sniter* in *Northumberland*, and *Snyte* a river in *Leicestershire*, and other places.

Sir *Henry Spelman*, and other authors, from a MS. belonging to the *Sharnborn* family, make one *Edwin*, a *Dane*, to be lord of this town, &c. at the conquest, and that being deprived of it by *William de Albini*, the Conqueror's butler, and *William* Earl *Warren*, he contested their right, and applying for justice and relief to the Conqueror, was in some degree reinstated.

The weakness and falsity of this idle tradition may be seen at large in my account of the town of *Sharnborn*, and also from the history of this town.

Snettesham appears to have been one of the longest and most considerable lordships in this county.

In the reign of King *Edward* the Confessor, it was held by *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, as a lay fee, and his own proper inheritance.

I take him to have been the same *Stigand* who was chaplain to King *Canute*,[2] who in 1020, having built the church of *Ashdon* in *Essex*, (after his great victory there,) preferred *Stigand* to it, afterwards chaplain to Queen *Emma*, to King *Harold*, and to the Confessor, with whom he was in so great favour and esteem, that he had either purchased, or had granted to him an amazing number of great lordships in this county, and elsewhere.

To this there belonged 8 carucates of land, 20 villains, 12 borderers, 6 servi, and 30 acres of meadow, 4 carucates in demean, &c. 6 carucates amongst the tenants, 5 mills, a saltwork, and a fishery, pannage for 100 swine, &c. 440 sheep, and 6 socmen held 2 carucates of land, with 10 villains, 6 bordererers, one servus, 10 acres of meadow, the moiety of a mill, and a fishery.

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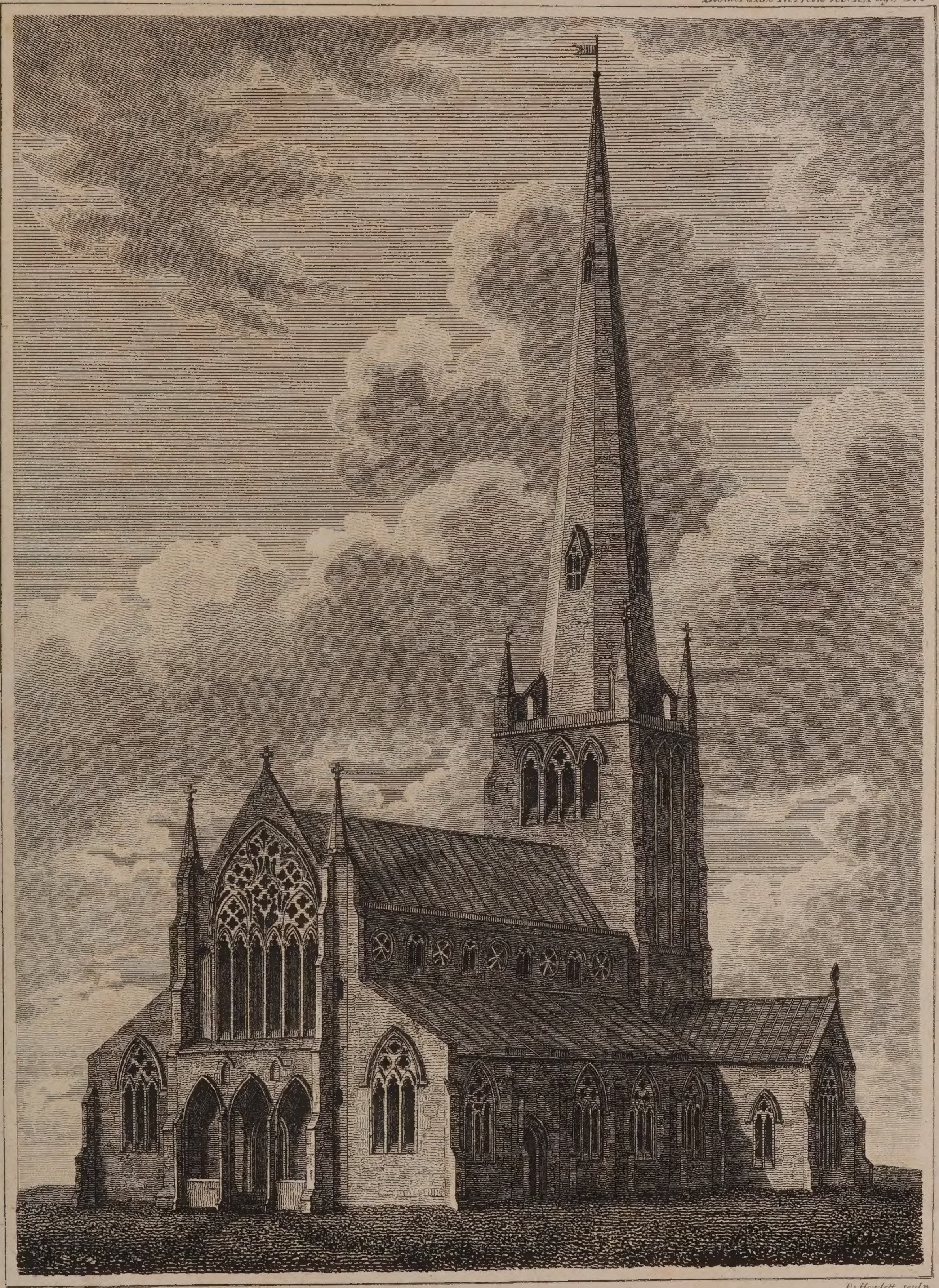
[1] Mag. Britan. &c. vol. iii. p. 256.

[2] Gibs. Saxon Chron. p. 151.

Blomefield's Norfolk Vol. X. Page 370



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A SOUTH WEST PROSPECT OF SNETTISHAM CHURCH.

Publish'd May 9th 1809 by Wm. Miller Albemarle Street.

Several towns belonged to this lordship, as beruites, held of the same lord, viz. *Flitcham, Newton, Rising,* &c. as these and other towns, as *Reydon, Harpley,* &c. lordships of *Stigand's,* were in the hundred of *Freebridge.*

It is probable that this town is placed also under the same hundred;[3] valued in *Stigand's* time at 50*l.* in *Odo's* at 65*l. per ann.*

In the whole 2 leucas and an half long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 4*s.* to a 20*s.* gelt.[4]

Stigand being in arms against the Conqueror, was deprived not only of the see of *Canterbury,* but of all his lay fees and inheritance, and this manor was conferred on *Odo* Bishop of *Bayeux* in *Normandy,* half brother to the Conqueror, who created him Earl of *Kent,* and was in possession of it in 1085, when the survey was compiled, but being in the interest of *Robert* Duke of *Normandy,* the Conqueror's eldest son, who laid claim to the crown of *England* on his father's death, and rebelling against King *William* II. he was deprived of all his estates in *England,* and this lordship was granted by that King, to *William de Albini,* the *pincerna Regis,* the King's butler, ancestor of the Earls of *Sussex.*

By this it is clear,[5] that *Edwin* the *Dane* had no interest in this lordship, either in the time of *Edward* the Confessor, or in King *William* the First's reign, and consequently that the history relating to him and *William de Albini,* (who was not lord till after the forfeiture of *Odo,* in the reign of *William* II.) is a direct fable, or idle tradition.

Odo was brother, by the mother's side, to King *William* I.; the *Norman* writers give him an eminent character: he and *Geffrey* Bishop of *Constance* in *Normandy,* were at the decisive battle of *Hastings,* attended with many monks, and secular clerks, and after the battle he had the castle of *Dover* committed to his charge, with the county of *Kent.*

Odo was joined with *William Fitz-Osborn,* a principal commander in the Conqueror's army, (afterwards Earl of *Hereford,*) in the superintendency of all the military forces in *England,* as well in field as in garrison, and chief justice of the realm.

After this, on some disgust, was carried by the Conqueror into *Normandy,* and imprisoned in the castle of *Roan,* and set at liberty by King *William* II.; here failing in his allegiance, and inciting others to set up *Robert* Duke of *Normandy* in the throne of *England,* he was obliged to abjure the realm, and deprived of all his honours and fortunes.

In *Norfolk* he had these following lordships:

Torp, (Geyton-Thorp) Grimston, and *Harpley,* in *Freebridge* hundred, with *Snetesham, Flitcham, Newton, Rising,* and *Reidon*;—in

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[3] It is also placed in Smethdon hundred, as will appear presently in the Earl Warren's fee here.

[4] T're Epi Baiocensis.———Hund. et dim. de Fredrebruge.——Snettesham ten. Stigand. T.R.E. viii car. t're. sep. xx vill. et xii bord. tnc. vi ser. p. et mo. iii et xxx ac. p'ti. tnc. iiii car. in d'nio. p. et mo. ii tnc. vi car. ho'um. p. et mo. iiii et v mol. et i sal. et i pisc. silva c porc. semp. iiii r. et xxxviii porc. et ccccxl ov. et vi soc. ii car. t're. et x vill. et vi bord. et i ser. et x ac. p'ti. et dim. mol. et i pisc. huic manerio jacet i beruita Flitcham etiam i ber. Niuetana et adhuc i ber. Risinga.—— Totu' val. T.R.E. i lib. p. et mo. lxxx lib. et c sol. tot' ht. ii leug. et dim. in long. et dim. leug. in lat. quicq; ibi teneat et reddit iiii sol. de xx sol. de gelto Regis.

[5] See in Sharnborn.

Docking hundred, *Docking, Stanho, Tofts*;—in *North Greenhow* hundred, *Warham*;—in *Heinstede* hundred, *Framingham, Alverton, Holveston, Kerkeby, Scotesham, Poringland*, and *Braberton*;—in *Einford* hundred, *Weston*;—in *South Erpingham* hundred, *Wickmer*;—in *Humbleyard* hundred, *Krigelford, Florendum.*

In *Kent* he had 184 lordships, in *Essex* 39, in *Oxfordshire* 32, in *Hertfordshire* 23, in *Bucks* 30, in *Worcestershire* 2, in *Bedfordshire* 8, *Northamptonshire* 12, *Nottinghamshire* 5, *Warwickshire* 6, and in *Lincolnshire* 76.

William de Albini, to whom King *William* II. granted this lordship, was father of *Will. d'Albini*, created Earl of *Sussex* and *Arundel* by King *Henry* I. of whom, and their descendants, I refer the reader to the town of *Rising*.

On the death of *Hugh*, the last Earl of *Sussex* and *Arundel*, of this family, in 1243, without issue, his inheritance was divided between his 4 sisters and coheirs, but this lordship was assigned for life to the Lady *Isabel* his late wife, daughter of *William* Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, as part of her dower; and by the escheat rolls, in the 14th of *Edward* I. she was found to die seized of a capital messuage, a windmill, 120 acres of land, a fishery, called *Broadflete*, with much pasture land by the sea, valued then at 36*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* *per ann.*; on her decease it came to *Roger de Montealto*, or Lord *Montalt*, by the marriage of *Cecily*, 2d sister and coheir of *Hugh d'Albini*, late Earl of *Sussex*, with his grandfather, *Roger*.

In the 9th of *Edward* I. on a suit commenced by the taking of a great whale with boats, &c. this lordship was found to have wreck at sea.

In the 16th of the said reign, *Henry de Bray*, escheator, on this side of *Trent*, gave an account of 13*l.* 18*s.* and 9*d.* rent of assise, of this manor, before he delivered it to *Roger de Monte-Alto*, then under age, and in custody.

Robert Lord *Montalt*, lord of this town, and *Rising*, with *Emma* his lady, having no issue, and being the last heir male of this family, settled this, and many other manors, on *Isabella*, queen dowager of *England*, &c. as may be seen in *Rising*, in which castle the said *Robert* had his residence, and so it came into the Crown, and on the accession of King *Henry* IV. was part of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

King *Edward* III. in his 46th year, granted it to his son, *John* of *Gaunt* Duke of *Lancaster*, in exchange for the earldom of *Richmond*.

In the 3d of *Henry* V. it was settled in trust, *July* 22, on *Henry* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, the Bishop of *Winchester*, &c. and was farmed by them of the Crown.

King *Henry* VIII. in his 2d year, demised to *Edmund Bedingfeld* of *Oxburgh*, the site of this manor, with all the houses, sheepcotes, and profits of the conies, within the King's wapentake, with many other things, for 7 years, belonging to the duchy of *Lancaster*.

Wymond Carye, Esq. farmed it of Queen *Elizabeth*, and after of King *James* I. and was knighted *May* 30, 1604, at *Whitehall*: he married *Catherine*, daughter of Sir *John Jernegan* of *Somerley* town in *Suffolk*, relict of *Henry Crane*, of *Chilton* in *Suffolk*, Esq. who, by the name of Dame *Catherine Carey*, of *Fleet-Hall*, in *Stonham Parva*, *Suffolk*, made her will, *February* 13, 1613, and gave legacies to her mother, *Catherine Bellamy*; to her son, Sir *Robert Crane*, and his wife; to Sir *Philip Knevet*, Bart. her nephew, and his wife; to her sister, the Lady *Hobart*; to her nephew, *Francis Jernegan*; and the rest of her estate to Sir *Thomas Herne*, Knt. of *Heverland*, her executor: she survived Sir *Wymond*, by whom she had no issue.

On *February* 18, King *James* I. in his 9th year, granted to Sir *Henry Cary*, in consideration of 1500*l.* the manor of *Snetesham*, parcel of the duchy of *Lancaster*, with all its rights, members, &c. to be held in soccage of the manor of *East-Greenwich*, in *Kent*, by fealty, with all lands overflown, and recovered from the sea, abutting on the said manor.

Nicholas Styleman, Esq. died seized of it in 1746, and his son and heir, *Nicholas Styleman*, Esq. is the present lord.

Here were several other manors in this town belonging to this fee of the *Albinys*, and held of them.

RUSTEYN'S-MANOR.

This family was very early enfeoffed of this; *Nigel Rusteyn* gave lands to *Wimondham* priory, soon after its foundation, as did *Robert de Rusteyn*, as may be seen in *Congham*;—*Roger de Rusteyn* gave a mill in *Snetesham*, about *Henry* the Second's time.

There was an agreement by deed, *sans* date, between this *Roger* (as I take it) and the prior of *Wimondham*, that he should have for life a chaplain to celebrate in the chapel of his house, in this town, who was to swear to be true, and to pay all oblations to the mother-church of *Snetesham*, and on certain great holidays, to repair thereto; and this was confirmed to Sir *William Rusteyn*, who is said to have accompanied his lord, *William* Earl of *Sussex*, &c. into the Holy Land, in *Richard* the First's time.

William Rusteyn and *Peter Bozun*, were collectors in the 18th of *Henry* III. of the aid then granted to the King, on the marriage of his sister, and held one fee of the dower of *Isabel*, relict of *Hugh* Earl of *Sussex*, 1243; and *William* was escheator for *Norfolk*, in the 37th of that reign.

One of the said name was lord in the 3d of *Edward* I. had the assise of bread and beer of his tenants, and found to take money for the assise broken, when he should have punished the delinquents by the pillory; and in the 8th of that King, conveyed lands here, &c. to *Alice* his daughter and coheir, in marriage, with *Ralph de Kirketon*. The *Rusteyns* held lands also of the Earl *Warren*.

In the 13th of *Henry* IV. *Walter Goddard*, *William Whitmete*, chaplain, *John Heyneye*, and *Alice* his wife, and *John Frith*, grant by fine, to *John de Birston*, or *Briston*, and *Margaret* his wife, the manor of *Rusteyn's*, with lands in *North Lenn*, &c. settled on *John* and *Margaret*, and *Alice*, for life; remainder to *John* and *Margaret*.

In the 8th of *Edward* IV. *John Briston*, and *Joan* his wife, settled it in trust on *Richard Cappe*, &c.

After this, I find it conveyed to Sir *Robert Drury*, &c. by *Richard Baynard*, and *Anne* his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir *Robert Ratcliff*, and *Catherine* his wife, in the 18th of *Henry* VIII. and by her sister *Elizabeth*, wife of *Roger Woodhouse*, Esq.

Thomas Bryggs, Esq. 2d son of *Edward Bryggs* of *Salle,* had it settled on him and *Elizabeth* his wife, in 1509, by *Richard Crophill,* her father, on her marriage.

DOWN'S MANOR.

John Briston, Esq. and *Joan* his wife, held it in the 8th of *Edward* IV. *Ralph Briston,* of *Briston,* died seized of it in the reign of *Henry* VII. held in soccage of the King, and ——— was found his heir; and license was granted in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary,* to *John Drury,* to alien it to *Roger Woodhouse* and his heirs.

This is now united to the capital manor, and held by *Stileman.*

HACON'S MANOR.

In the reign of *Henry* III. *Richard Hacon* held half a fee of the Earl of *Sussex,* and Sir *Hubert Hacun* had by deed, *sans* date, a grant of a chapel in his house, from the prior of *Wymondham,* (who had the appropriated rectory) on the same conditions as *Rusteyn* had, and *Hubert Hakun* had the assise of his tenants, in the 3d of *Edward* I.[6]

The prior of *Wimondham,* in the 3d of *Henry* IV. was found to hold half a fee which *Richard Hacon* formerly held; and in the 8th year of King *James* I. *John Eldred* and *Jonas Verdon,* Gent. had a grant from the Crown, dated *November* 12, for good considerations of the manor of *Hawkens* (as it is then corruptly called) with the site thereof, and appertenances valued at 19*l.* 12*s.* 8*d. per ann.* In 1562, *Edmund Cobb,* Esq. of this town, by his last will, appears to have a lease of this manor, with the parsonage.

This is united also, and held by *Stileman.*

Sir *John de Norwich* was lord of it *ao.* 6, and *ao.* 10 *Edward* III. granted it to the priory, probably as a feoffee.

SHARNBORN'S MANOR.

The *Sharnborns* were undoubtedly early enfeoffed of this lordship under the *Albinis;* Sir *Andrew de Sharnborne* in the time of King *John,* is said to have given it to his younger brother, on his marriage with *Cecilia,* daughter of *Silvester de Rysing.*

William de Sharnborn, son of *Jeffrey,* was lord in the 3d of *Edward* I. and held the assise of his tenants.

In the 4th of *Henry* VIII. *Henry Sharnborn* conveyed in trust to *John Amfleys,* &c. a messuage, watermill, 340 acres of land in this town, &c. *Thomas Sharnborn,* Esq. died seized of it in 1559, called then *Dame Cecilia's* manor, and *Francis Sharnborn* was the last of the family that enjoyed it, from whom (as I take it) it came to Sir *August. Sotherton,* by the marriage of his daughter and heir, *Margery,* and so to *Francis Ashe,* Esq. &c. as above.

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[6] This grant was to Sir William Hacon, by John, prior of Windham, in 1240, and confirmed to his son, Sir Hubert.

Of the family of *Sharnborn*, see in *Sharnborn* town; this is also united, and had by *Stileman.*

VERLI'S MANOR.

In the 8th of *Richard* I. a fine was levied between *Alice*, daughter of *Maximus*, and *Ralph de Verli*, of lands, late *Cecilia de Holm's*, mother of *Ralph*, in this town and *Holm*, being half a knight's fee, granted to *Ralph*. This *Ralph* gave lands here to *Wimondam* priory, as did *Roger de Verli*, lands in *Pickenham*, by deed, *sans* date.

Richard de Gerneston, held in the reign of *Henry* III. the 6th part of a fee, here, of *Cecilia de Verli*, which in the 20th of *Edward* III. was found to be held by the heirs of *Richard de Gerneston*, and *Alice* his wife.

Hugh de Verli held in 1243, 2 knights fees, part of the dower of the Lady *Isabel*, relict of *Hugh* Earl of *Sussex*, &c.

Robert Pekenham of *Shropham*, Esq. died possessed of it in the 4th of *Edward* IV. held of the duchy of *Lancaster*, by the fourth part of a fee, and *Henry* was his son and heir.

In the 38th of *Henry* VIII. *Mary Glemham*, late wife of *Edward Glemham*, held it in *capite*; lately held by the Lady *Anne de Cleve*, the divorced wife of *Henry* VIII. This is also united to the capital manor.

INGALDESTHORP MANOR.

This family was early enfeoffed of this by the Earl of *Sussex*, the capital lord. *Robert de Ingaldesthorp*, called also *Robert de Snettesham*, was lord of this manor in the reign of King *Stephen*.

Of this family a particular account may be seen in *Reinham*. *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, held in the 27th of *Henry* III. the fourth part of a fee of the Lady *Isabel*, dowager of *Hugh* Earl of *Sussex*; and *John de Ingaldesthorp* had the assise of bread and beer of his tenants, in the 3d of *Edward* I. and in the 33d of that King, *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp* had a charter of free warren here. *Beatrix de Ingaldesthorp* and her tenants, held in the 20th of *Edward* III. here, &c. the 4th part of a fee.

Sir *Edmund de Ingaldesthorp* was the last heir male of this family, who left at his death, 1456, *Isabel*, his only daughter and heir, who brought it by marriage to *John Nevill* Marquis *Montacute*, whose son, *George*, dying without issue, his estate was divided amongst his 5 sisters and coheirs; and this came to *Isabella*, who married Sir *William Huddleston* of *Jauston* in *Cambridgeshire*; and in the 23d of *Henry* VIII. was possessed by Sir *John Huddleston*, whose son, *John*, sold it (as I conceive) in 1543, to Sir *Roger Townsend*, Knt. and was conveyed by *Roger Townsend*, Esq. about the 10th of Queen *Elizabeth*, to *Martin Cobb*, Esq. whose descendant, Mr. *Edward Cobb*, collector of the customs at *Wisbeach*, was lord in 1750, and his widow now holds it.

WINDHAM PRIORY MANOR.

William de Albini, the King's butler, founder of this priory, gave this lordship, together with the church, endowed with 69 acres of land thereto, in the reign of *Henry* I.

Sir *Robert Tharum*, Knt. and *Eustace de Bavent*, gave lands here, &c. for which the monks were obliged to find a chaplain in this church, at the altar of *St. James*, to pray for them.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior held one fee of the Earl of *Arundel*; and in the 15th he claimed free warren.

In 1428, his temporalities in land, rent, a mill, &c. were valued at *7l. 3s. 1d. q. per ann.*

On the Dissolution, it came to the Crown, and so was united to the capital manor, and let by Queen *Elizabeth*, to *Wymond Cary* aforesaid, and is now possessed by the *Stylemans.*

EARL WARREN'S MANOR.

The Earl *Warren* had also on the Conquest, a lordship here, granted him, held by 7 socmen of *Stigand* in King *Edward's* reign, with 2 carucates of land, and 11 socmen of *Stigand* held 20 acres, 4 villains, 15 borderers, with 4 carucates and 8 acres of meadow belonged to it; also one mill, and the moiety of another, a fishery, and 2 parts of a salt-pit, valued then at 30*s.* and at the survey at 50*s. per ann.*[7] This is said to have been by an exchange.

By this it appears that *Stigand* was lord of the whole town in King *Edward's* time, and that *Edwin* the *Dane's* being possessed of any part of this town, is a fiction.

The greatest part of this fee was held by the *Ingaldesthorp* family, though several of the other lords abovementioned had also some parts of it; *John de Thorp* had part in *Henry* the Third's time, which *Henry de Titchwell* held by the 4th part of a fee in *Edward* the Third's reign; afterwards *William Oldney* had an interest herein, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. as had *John de Ingaldesthorp*, and the heirs of *William Sharnborn.*

Afterwards this fee was also united to the capital manor, and held of the dutchy of *Lancaster.*

The temporalities of *Westacre* priory were 12*d.*; *Castleacre* 46*s. per ann.* In 1428, *Alan*, son of *Richard de Snetesham*, gave that priory 5 perches of land here.

The tenths were 19*l.* Deduct 6*l.*

The Church is dedicated to St. *Mary*, and stands on a hill, at a little distance eastward from the body of the town; it is a stately large building of flint, and freestone, built after a conventual manner, with a tower in the middle, between the nave and the chancel, is now dilapidated; and on this tower is a curious octangular spire of freestone, seen at a great distance, and a sea mark, in which tower hang 5 bells, and ornamented with 4 stone pinnacles.

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[7] T're Willi. de Warrenna. H. de Smetheduna.——-In Snetesham vii soc. Stigandi ii car. t're. et xi soc. Stigand. xx ac. iiii vill. xv bord. iiii car. et viii ac. p'ti. et i molin. et dim. i piscar. et due partes unius saline tc. et p. val. xxx sol. mo. l. hoc est p. escangio.

Here was also a north and south transept, but the first of these is in ruins. It has also a north and south isle, with a large nave or body, all covered with lead; at the west end is the grand entrance, where is a *vestibulum*, with a bench of stone that runs the breadth of the nave, but narrow, and covered with a neat arch, or canopy of freestone.

At the east end of the north isle is a stately monument for Sir *Wymond Cary*, with his effigies of alabaster, and in armour, lying on an altar tomb of marble, his head resting on a pillow, hands joined, and erect; over him is raised a beautiful arch of marble, &c. supported by porphyry pillars of the *Corinthian* order, and on the summit, the arms of *Cary:*

Argent, on a bend, *sable*, three roses of the first quartering about 20 coats, the crest a swan, but so defaced by time, and so high, as not to be well accounted for:

Here lyeth in hope and expectation of that joyful day of the resurrection, when the Saviour of the whole World shall appear in power and judgment, to awake all those who have slept in him, to be pertakers of the everlasting blessedness of his eternal kingdom, Sir Wymond Carye of Snettesham in the county of Norfolk Kt. sometime of Thremhale Priory in Essex, first branch of that family of the Carys which is descended from Edmund Beauford, duke of Somerset, and so from John of Gaunt duke of Lancaster, erected by his only brother, Sir Edward Carye of Aldenham in Hertfordshire, master and treasurer of his majesties jewels and plate, and of Sir Henry Carye of C——— in Bucks, son and heir of the said Sir Edward Carye joynt executor of the last will of Sir Wym. Carye, who lived about 75 years, & in peace and happiness and in the comfortable testimony of a good conscience and stedfast faith in Christ, died April 3, 1612.

This knight presented to the vicarage in 1609, and had a grant of the rectory and patronage from the Crown, or held it by lease.[8]

On the pavement of the middle isle, lie several gravestones. One with the arms of *Child:*

Gules, a fess embattled, *ermine*, between three doves, *argent*, impaling per chevron, *gules* and *sable*, three swans respectant, in chief, *argent*, peded and beaked, *azure;* and in base a herring cobb najant, *or*, *Cobb:*

In memory of John Child Gent. who died Octr. 26, 1748, *aged* 49.

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In memory of Robert Cobb, Gent. who died May 15, 1745, *aged* 67.

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[8] In the 21st year of Elizabeth, April 11th, Sir Christopher Hatton had a grant of the impropriate rectory; after him Sir Henry Cary held it by lease of the said Queen.

On a very large gravestone, ornamented with brasses, are the portraitures of a man, his wife, and 7 children, in brass, for *John Cremer*, who died *February* 17, 1610, aged 71, and *Anne* his wife.

Si quis præteriens rogitabit forte viator
Memoriæ cujus hic lapis est positus,
Cremerus veræ cultor pietatis, alumnus
Virtutis, vindex, conditur hoc tumulo.

On a brass scroll from him,

Christus mihi et in vitâ et in morte lucrum.

The brass escotheons, &c. are much defaced.

A stone for *Richard Ward*, with the arms, *azure*, a cross, moline, *or.*

Thomas Gurlyn, Gent. interred *January* 17, 1670, aged 63; *Frances* his relict, *July* 16, 1688, aged 74.

Another with a *Latin* epitaph, for *Thomas Gurlyn* of *Lynn*, Gent. three times mayor, and burgess in parliament, for that town, who died *August* 3, 1644, *ætat.* 60.

At the east end of the south isle, on a gravestone,

Hic sita est Anna vidua Edmi. Cobbe Armigi. 4 *filios et* 6 *filias enixa est, Stemmate, progenita claro, &c. patrem habuit Tho. Boteler Armig. de Wood Hall Hertford, pie obdormivit Junij* 18, 1675, *ætat.* 53.

In the south transept are several marble gravestones, in memory of the *Stilemans.*

Nicholas Styleman Esq; justice of the peace and captain of the militia, here interred June 11, 1683, *by the body of Margaret sole daughter and heiress of Edward Ward of Norwich alderman, who died October* 20, 1680, *they left* 3 *sons and* 3 *daughters.*

Robert, their son, placed this monument; the arms of *Styleman* are on it; *sable*, an unicorn passant, *or*, on a chief of the second, three pallets of the first.

Robert Styleman, Gent. died June 19, 1720, *ætat.* 72.

Ann Jermy eldest daughter of Nicholas Styleman Esq; relict of Rob. Jermy of Glanford in Norfolk Gent. died Decer. 8, *ætat.* 61.

William Styleman died May 11, 1707, *æt.* 42.

Nicholas Styleman of Guyton in Norfolk Gent. died Octr. 13, 1706, *aged* 72, *A.M. of Trin. Coll. Camb.*

Sarah, relict of Robt. White of Boxford in Suffolk, Gent. died Octr. 4, 1728, *æt.* 73.

One with the arms of *Styleman* impaling *L'Estrange* of *Hunstanton.*

Nich. Styleman Armiger ecclesiæ Anglicanæ amansissimus, vicariam hujus ecclesiæ minus dotatam, ducentis libris munifice dotavit, quibus donatis, ducentas alias, piâ et sempiterna benignitate, Annæ Felicisimæ memoriæ reginæ relictas paravit. Anno climacterico jam perfuncto Domus Cælestes commigravit Jan. 6, *Ao. Dmi.* 1746.

Also *Styleman* impaling *sable*, an ox passant, *argent*.

Dorothy only daughter of Robert Wood clerk, relict of Robert Styleman of Snetesham Gent. died March 14, 1731, *aged* 73.

Here were also buried, *September*, 1556, Mr. *Nicholas Sanders*, a priest.

February 22, 1590, *Jeffrey Cobbe*, Gent. *February* 18, 1610, *John Cremer*, senior. *December* 25, 1562, *Edmund Cobbe*, Esq. *January* 19, 1582, *Isabella Cobbe*, Gent. *April* 11, 1597, *Anne Cobbe*, Gent.

William Ewe of this town, buried here 1505, left 3 acres for ever to the vicar, to keep his anniversary.

Married *January* 2d, 1557, Mr. *Henry Repps*, and *Elizabeth Sherlo*. *October* 6, Mr. *Leonard Spencer*, and Mrs. *Catherine Lovell*. *January* 18, 1561, Mr. *Francis Sturgis* and Mrs. *Ellen Lovell*. *November* 9, 1563, *Thomas Lovell*, Esq. and Mrs. *Alice Huddleston*. *January* 27, 1588, *Thomas Cremer* and *Joan Hargate*. *November* 18, 1600, *Jeff. Cremer* and *Rose Anguish*. *August* 14, 1563, *John Plumstede* and *Dorothy Sharnborne*.

In the windows of the north isle, were the arms of *Inglethorp*, and of the Lord *Valoins*, *argent*, three pallets, wavy, *gules*; also *Nevill* Lord *Montacute*, Lord *Howard*, Lord *Bardolf*, Lord *Stafford*, Bishop *Spencer* of *Norwich*, *Cromwell* Lord *Tatishall*, Lord *Fitzwalter*, *azure*, a lion, or leopard rampart, *argent*; Lord *Montalt*, *Palgrave*, *Sharnborn*, *Shelton*. On windows of the south isle, *argent* on three escotcheons, *gules*, as many lions rampant, *or*; *ermin*, a lion rampant *gules*.

William d'Albini, the pincerna or King's butler, gave in the reign of King *Henry* I. this rectory to the priory of *Windham*, and the grant was confirmed by that King;[9] in the time of *Edward* I. we find it possessed by that house, with 40 acres of glebe land, then belonging to it, and a manse, and the rectory was valued at 40 marks, the patronage of the vicarage was in the priory till its dissolution, and was valued at 5*l*. but had neither manse, or land belonging to it; *Peterpence* 2*s*. 6*d*.

In 1251,[1] there was an agreement between the prior and the vicar, by which the vicar was entitled to receive all the altarage, but the tithe of hay, hemp, flax, and wool in the parish of the monks demeans lands were excepted, and the vicar was to have the tithe of sheaves or corn of their demeans of the old feofment; tithes of wool, of their fold towards the east; and the moiety of the other foldcourses in the marsh, with all the small tithe in the said town; paying to the priory 60*s*. *per ann*. at St. *Michael* and the nativity of St. *John* Baptist, by equal payments, and the archdeacon of *Norfolk* covenanted to receive but one mark; in 1274, *John*, then vicar, acknowledged, that the vicarage was sufficiently endowed, and released all augmentation to the prior by deed then dated.

Here were in the church, the guilds of St. *John* Baptist, of the *Holy Trinity*, St. *Anne*, St. *Mary*, *Jesus*, and St. *James*.

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[9] Regist. Wymond. fol. 47.

[1] In 1251, on Tuesday before the feast of St. John Baptist, it was agreed between the arch-deacon of Norfolk, the prior of Wymondham, and the vicar, with the assent of the Bishop of Norwich, that the prior should pay to the archdeacon of Norwich, a mark for this church, one for that of Wymondam, and one for that of Happesburgh, of which the priory was patron, and rector in lieu of procuration-fees, per ann.

There was a chantry also, and *Thomas Cobbe*, who was the last chantry priest, had a pension for life of 5*l*. *per ann.* and was called the chantry of St. *Edmund.*

The present valor of the vicarage is 5*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. and is discharged of tenths, &c.

It is a market town, but the market, which is on *Friday*, is not much frequented.

VICARS.

1251, *Nicholas de Burgo*, presented by the prior and convent of *Wymondham.*

1300, *Gilbert de Secheford*, presented by the prior and convent of *Wymondham*, patrons of the vicarage.

1328, *William Algar. Ditto.*
1331, *Jeffrey de Benhale. Ditto.*
Nicholas de Stow.
1376, *John de Westgate. Ditto.*
1393, *Richard Reed. Ditto.*
1397, *Edmund Nenne. Ditto.*
1404, *Nicholas Walter.*
1433, *John Geyton. Ditto.*
1443, *Richard Castleacre. Ditto.*
1477, *William Grey, Ditto.*
1484, - - - - - - - - *Kaa. Ditto.*
1500, *John Driffeld. Ditto.*
1517, *John Percyvall. Ditto.*
1526, *John Feltham. Ditto.*
1597, *Ralph Dod*, by the Queen.
1598, *Thomas Drake*,[2] by *Thomas French*, Gent.
1609, *William Dickson*, by Sir *Wymond Cary*, Knt.
Tim. Rivet.
1697, *William Gay*, by *Robert Cobbe*, Gent.
William Creamer held it by sequestration, 1702, as did *Framingham Rice, LL.B.* in 1706.

1728, *Archibald Kerr*, by *Nicholas Styleman*, Esq.; he bought the advowson of Mr. *Cremer*, who purchased it of Mr. *Cobb.*

1760, *Armine Styleman*, by *Nicholas Styleman*, Esq.

William Green, by his will, 1519, desires to be buried in the north ele, before St. *James's* altar, and gave 10*l*. to the leading of that ele.

John of *Oxford* confirmed to the monks of *Wymondham* this church, with one carucate of land and a foldcourse here.

Roger Rusteyn gave them 40 acres of land, with a windmill in *Sharnborn*, with all the heath which his lord *William*, the third Earl *Warren*, gave him in *Suanegeia;* and the monks of *Wymondham* were to find a chaplain to celebrate at the altar of St. *James* in *Snetesham* church, who was to take an oath not to defraud the mother church;[3] also a marsh, and a foldcourse for 200 sheep, called *North Eye.*

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[2] In 1603, he certified that there were 332 communicants.

[3] Regist. Wymond. fol. 59, 82, 91, &c.

Sir *Thomas Ingaldesthorp*, son of Sir *Thomas*, founded a chantry in the chapel of St. *Thomas*, for his father, mother, and brethren.

Besides the lordships aforesaid, I find Sir *William Flete*, Knt. and *Margaret* his wife, to grant and confirm to *Alan Dodge* of *Dersingham, Thomas Palmer, John Doget*, their heirs, and assigns, his messuage with the appertenances, a watermill in *Snetesham* late *Thomas Chapes;* with all the lands, meadows, pastures, fisheries, wards, marriages, reliefs, escheats, and sheep-folds in this town, *Ingaldesthorp, Sharnborn, Frenge, Secheford* and *Eton*, late *Thomas Chape's*, to be held by them of the lords of the fee, dated at *Snetesham* on *Wednesday* after the feast of St. *Peter, ad vincula*, in the 22d of *Richard* II.

Soon after this Sir *William Hode*, and *Margaret* his wife, (probably the aforesaid lady,) conveyed it by fine to the aforesaid *Alan* for 100 marks of silver, on the morrow after St. *Martin, Ao.* 2 of *Henry* IV.

Here was also the manor of Dame *Cecily*, daughter of *Richard de Snetesham*, who gave lands, with many of her family to the priory, and is now held by the *Stylemans*.

STANHOW, OR THE STONY HILL.

THE principal lordship was held in the Confessor's time under *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, by 12 freemen, on whose deposition the King granted it to his brother in law, *Odo* Bishop of *Baieux*, in *France*, and Earl of *Kent;* on whose rebellion against King *William* II. it was given by that King to *William de Albinj*, his pincerna, or butler, whose descendants, Earls of *Sussex* and *Arundel*, were lords.

At the grand survey, *Odo* was lord, and consisted in *Stigand's* time of four carucates, and of 3 at the survey; all *Stanhow* was one leuca long, 4 furlongs broad, and paid 14*d.* ½, to a 20*s.* gelt.[4]

On the death of *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel*, who died *s. p.* his great inheritance came to his 4 sisters and coheirs.

Sir *Robert de Tateshale*, who married *Mabel* the eldest, had this lordship and many others in her right, and the patronage of the church, belonging to it: *Joan*, relict of Sir *Robert de Tateshale*, junior, presented in 1315.

This *Robert* dying *s. p.* his estate was divided amongst his 3 sisters and coheirs; *Emma*, who married Sir *Osbert de Caley; Joan*, married Sir *Robert de Driby*, and *Isabel*, Sir *John de Orreby*.

In 1349, Sir *Adam de Clifton*, presented as heir to *Caley's* part; and in 1393, Sir *Ralph Cromwell* as heir to *Driby's* part, and *Orreby's:* in 1414, *Constant. Clifton*, Esq. presented by his feoffee, in right of the third part of the manor and advowson. *Clifton's* part came to the *Knevets*, and *Cromwell's* to Sir *Humphrey Bouchier*, as appears from the presentations, and so to the *Clintons*.

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[4] Terre Ep. Baiocensis, H. de Doching.——In Stanho xii lib. ho'es sub Stigando, T.R.E. tc. iiii car. et iiii p'. et mo. iii totu' Stanho, ht. i leug'. in long. et iiii quar. in lat. et reddit xiiiid. et i. obolu'. de xx sol. de gelto.

In the 12th of *Henry* VI. Sir *John Clifton*, Sir *Robert Clifton*, &c. were querents, *Thomas Charles* and *Alice* his wife, deforciants, of messuages, a toft, 140 acres of land, 120 of pasture, 20*s.* rent, the liberty of 3 foldcourses in this town, *Berwick*, and *Bermere*.

In 1681, this lordship seems to be held by one lord, *John Bernard* Esq. of the Exchequer, who presented then to the church, and in 1700.

After this it was possessed by Sir *Robert Walpole*, who presented in 1731, and in that family it remains, the Earl of *Orford* being lord.

MARSHE'S, OR THE KING'S MANOR.

Aluric, a freeman, held under *Stigand*, the Archbishop, before the Conquest, one carucate of land; at the survey it was possessed by the King, when there were but two bovates, and one borderer belonged to it, was valued at 16*s.* *per ann.* and was a beruite to the King's manor of *Fakenham*.[5]

This was held of the King by grand serjeanty, the keeping, or finding a greyhound for the King's use, and two families had an interest therein, or each held a moiety.

Henry de Marisco, or *Marsh*, in the 6th of *Richard* I. gave 100*s.* to have the King's favour, and his lands here, and in the said reign *Robert de Mey* had an interest: his lands, in the 3d of that King, are said to be parcel of the King's demeans, and worth 20*s.* *per ann.*

William Mey, in the 34th of *Henry* III. was found to hold lands in this town and in *Causton*, by grand serjeanty, by finding a *bracheta* (greyhound), and *Margery le Mey* possessed it in the 55th, and about the said time *William Marche* held lands in demean by the same service.

The heirs of *William Mey*, and *William* son of *Bartholomew Marche* of *Stanho* were lords, and in 1308, *Robert Bedingfeld* and *Joan* his wife, (daughter as I take it of *Mey*,) there was then a capital messuage belonging to it, 100 acres, and 10*s.* rent of assise; in 1313, the jury find that the said *Joan* (whose right it was) had enfeoffed *William*, son of *Bartholomew de Stanhow*, and *Walter Marche*, and the heirs of *Walter*, of this manor, and that the possessors of it were exempted from serving on juries, and assises, &c.

In the 4th of *Edward* III. *William March* died lord of *Stanhow*, and *Walter*, was his son and heir, and *Walter*, son and heir of *Walter*, paid in the 34th of that King, 21*s.* 1*d.* relief.

Sir *William Marche* died in the 21st of *Richard* II. and *Thomas* was his son and heir, aged 20.

Thomas and *John March*, sons of Sir *William*, were found in the 2d of *Henry* IV. to have held the manor of *King's Hall, alias Marche*; and *Joan* was their sister and heir, married to *Thomas Chepstede*, and on the death of the said *Joan*, *Ao.* 32, of *Henry* VI. *Laurence Daniel* was her cousin and heir, and it came the next year to his son, *Thomas Daniel*, who was a gentleman of great trust and dignity, in that reign, governor, or constable of *Rising* castle, &c. and a knight in the 14th of *Edward* IV. whose son *Henry* inherited it.

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[5] Terra Regis—H. de Dochinge—— Stanho, tenuit Aluricus lib. ho'. sub Stigando T.R.E. i car. tre. tc. p'. i car. tre. et mo. ii bov. et i bor. et val. xvi sol. et jacet in Phacham.

In the 5th of *Edward* VI. a moiety of this lordship was conveyed by fine with a liberty of foldage, from *John Brace*, to *William More* and *Margaret* his wife, who in the 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary*, conveyed it to *Thomas Baxter*, and *Thomas Baxter* left it to *Thomas* his eldest son, by *Anne* his wife, in the 35th of *Elizabeth*, who being under age, farmed it of the Queen in her 44th year at 15*l*. *per ann.*

In a window of the chancel were their arms, *gules*, a dragon, *or* wyvern, *or*, on a chief of the second, three lozenges, *azure*.

In the 44th of *Elizabeth*, *William Thurleby*, Gent. and *William Warner*, Gent. had a *præcipe* to deliver *Marches* manor to *Henry Curson*, Gent.

John Wilson, Esq. is lord, by his wife, daughter, and heir of - - - - - *Arsdale*, Esq. of *Stanhow*, who bore *azure*, a chevron, *ermin*, between three.

CALTHORP'S MANOR.

William Earl *Warren* had the grant of a small fee out of which *Ulketel*, a freeman, was ejected, who held it under commendation, containing one carucate of land, and 3 borderers, valued at 20*s*.[6]

The family of *De Creke*, of *North Creek*, had an interest in it under the aforesaid Earl.

Robert de Creke, by his deed *sans* date, granted to *Strange*, wife of *Bartholomew de Kalethorp*, the wards of all his lands and tenements here, and in *Burnham*, till *Roger*, son and heir of the said *Bartholomew*, should be of age; to which *Philip de Burnham*, &c. were witnesses.

Sir *Bartholomew*, (son of Sir *Roger*,) who married *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Gestingthorp* of *Essex*, died lord in 1372; by his daughter and heir *Catherine*, it came to Sir *John Harsike* of *Southacre*, after to the *Dorwards* of *Essex*, by the marriage of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Roger Harsike*, in the time of *Henry* VI.

Afterwards this came to the *Townsends* in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, who were lords in the reigns of King *James*, and *Charles* I.

Sir *Ralph le Strange*, who lived in the reign of *Henry* II. had a lordship in this town, and by his daughter and coheir, *Maud*, came by marriage to Sir *Fulco de Oiry*, lord of *Gedney* in *Lincolnshire*; and by *Alice*, another of his daughters and coheirs, to *William de Bellomont*; whose daughter and coheir, *Ela*, brought it to Sir *Hervey de Stanhow*, who was lord in 1260, and a judge, held of the heirs of the *Albinys*, and in a window of the chancel were the arms of Sir *Hervey*, *or*, three bars, *azure*, over all a bend, *gules*, and those of the Lord *Tateshall*.

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[6] H. de Doching—Terr. W. de Warren.—Stanho, i lib. ho'. Ulketel com' dat. tant. i car. tre. et iii bord. semp. i car. et val. xx sol.

Sir *Walter Calthorp*, who married *Ela*, daughter and heir of Sir *Hervey*, were both living in the 14th of *Edward* I. and held this lordship, which continued many years in this family.

Sir *Philip Calthorp* dying seized of it in 1550, whose son *Philip* having no issue, his sister *Elizabeth* brought it by marriage to Sir *Henry Parker*, and from that family it came to the *Townsends*, in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*. *Roger Townsend*, Esq. was lord in 1583. Sir *Roger Townsend* died lord in 1636, of *East Hall*, and of *Shernborn* manors, in *Stanhow*, as found by an inquisition, and of *Cursons*, *alias Thursby's* manor held of the King, in free soccage, as of the hundred of *Smethden*; *Henry Curson*, Gent. had a grant of it from *William Thursby*, in the 44th of *Elizabeth*.

John Wilson, Esq. of this town, was high sheriff of *Norfolk* in 1732.

It appears from the fees and tenures here, as they stand in *Domesday Book*, that *Edwin*, the *Dane*, to whom King *Canute* is said to give *Snetesham*, and a large uncultivated plain on the east of it, (supposed to have been what is now called *Stanhow*,) is a direct romance and fable, that no such person had any interest in it, and that it was a township well cultivated in the time of the Confessor, and held by *Saxon* lords, deprived at the Conquest.

The temporalities of *Buckenham* priory were, in 1428, 6*s*. 8*d*. *Walsingham* 5*s*. *Castleacre* 3*s*. 6*d*.

Lands belonging to *Thetford* priory were granted *October* 21, *ao*. 38 *Henry* VIII. to *Andrew Mansfield*.

The tenths were 9*l*. 10*s*. deducted 2*l*.

In this parish was an old chapel frequented by pilgrims in their way to *Walsingham*, dedicated to St. *Peter*.

The Church is dedicated to *All-Saints*; in *Edward* the First's time, a manor and 5 acres belonged to the rectory, valued at 15 marks; paid *Peter*-pence, 12*d*. The present valor is 16*l*. pays tenths, &c. In 1603, the rector certified that there were 132 communicants.

Isabel Countess of *Arundel* was patroness in the 3d of *Edward* I.

RECTORS.

John de Albini occurs rector in the 6th of *Henry* III.

In 1315, *Robert de Winfarthing* instituted rector, presented by *Joan*, relict of *Robert de Tateshale*, junior.

1333, *Hugh de Foxley*. *Ditto*.

1349, *John de Methelwold*, by *Adam de Clifton*, Kt.

1367, *Nicholas de Creyk*, by the King, guardian of the heir of Sir *Adam*.

1393, *John Cotes*, by Sir *Ralph Cromwell*, Knt.

1403, *William Springman*, by the Lady *Maud Cromwell*.

1414, *Maur. Tournay*, by *John Drew*, feoffee of *Constant. Clifton*, Esq. in right of his 3d turn, or part of the advowson.

1415, *Thomas Pytecok*, by the Lady *Maud Cromwell*.

1424, *Robert Bassage*, by *Ralph* Lord *Cromwell*.

1436, *Richard Langyerd*, by Sir *John Clifton*, Knt.

1438, *Robert Courtier*, by Sir *Humphrey Bouchier* Lord *Cromwell*.

1475, *John Aiskerth*, by *John Knevet*, Esq. and *William* his son.

1481, *William Radclyff*, by *Robert Radclyff*, Esq.

1520, *Robert Taylor*, by Sir *Thomas Wyndham*, and Sir *Robert Drury*, in right of a 2d turn.

1543, *John Adamson*, by Sir *Thomas L'Estrange*, assignee of *Robert Knevet*, Esq.

1554, *Laurence Ashworth*, by *Edward Fynes* Lord *Clynton*.

1572, *Robert Leadall. Ditto*.

1612, *Edward Hampton*, by Sir *Philip Knevet*, Bart.

1634, *Thomas White*, by *Theophilus* Earl of *Lincoln*.

1638, *George Beck. Ditto.*

Thomas Potter occurs rector, 1651.

1660, *Thomas Bishop*, by the assigns of *Theoph.* Earl of *Lincoln*.

1681, *Thomas Sedgwick*, by *John Bainard*, Esq.

1700, *Nathaniel Hill. Ditto.*

1704, *Robert Hill*, by *Nathaniel Hill*, clerk; he wrote a discourse on the 4th commandment, in 1728.

1731, *George Jacomb*, by Sir *Robert Walpole*.

1760, *Briggs Cary*, collated by the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, a lapse.

In the middle isle lies a gravestone for *John Tracy*, but no inscription.

At the west end of the church on a brass plate,

Orate p. aia Tho. Couper, 1518.

On a gravestone in the chancel,

Tho. Sedgwick, A. M. hujus eccle. Rr. obt. 1699.

SEDGEFORD,

So called, as *Spelman* says, from its site on a *reedy*, or *sedgy ford*: in *Domesday Book*, it is wrote *Setesford*, as set on a ford, or a river called the *Set*, or *Snet*. Earl *Gyrthe*, one of King *Harold's* brothers, was lord of it, who being slain at the battle of *Hastings*, King *William* granted it to *William de Beaufoe* his chancellor, who was lord of it, and Bishop of *Norwich*, when the book aforesaid was made, and held by him as a lay fee, and his proper inheritance.

It consisted in Earl *Guert's* time of 3 carucates in demean, and 15 acres, 15 villains, 39 borderers, 5 servi, and 8 acres of meadow. The tenants had 5 carucates, paunage for 60 swine, 4 mills, 300 sheep, &c. one beruite called *Frenge*, to which there belonged a carucate in demean, and 7 villains, and there were 2 socmen who held a carucate and a half, and 7 borderers; *Agelmer*, bishop, made of this a beruite; the other socman had 4 borderers, and there was a freeman who possessed one carucate in demean, 6 borderers and 2 servi, and of this he made a beruite; and there was another freeman had one carucate in demean, 4 borderers, and 2 servi, of which he made a beruite; 2 freemen had also 2 carucates of land, and a beruite, with 2 carucates in demean, 5 borderers, and 2 servi, 2 acres of meadow, and a mill in King *Edward's* reign, which *Anant*,[7] the predecessor of *Peter de Valoins* had.

The whole was valued in that reign at 16*l.* at the survey at 24*l.*

Ingulf had in this town one carucate of land, held by *Guert* aforesaid, and a carucate in demean, valued at 10*s.*

The whole was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 4*s.* on a 20*s.* gelt.

Eight freemen belonged to the soc, and were under protection only, with 4 carucates of land, 5 villains, with 4 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 40*s.* at the survey 80*s.*

It was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and pays 17*d.* ½. on a 20*s.* gelt.[8]

Besides the lordship that *Guert* had, from the tenures abovementioned, it appears that *Agelmar* or *Aylmer* Bishop of *Elmham*, had also a considerable manor in this town and *Frenge*, in the reign of King *Edward:* he was brother to Archbishop *Stigand*, was a married prelate, had many lordships in lay fee, as his own inheritance; some of them he gave to *Bury* abbey, and that of *Blofield*, which he had as a portion with his wife, before he was Bishop, to his own see, and probably that of this town, which he had till the year 1070, when being deprived, this lordship, with that of *Frenge*, we find possessed at the survey by *William Beaufoe*, late chancellor to King *William*, and then Bishop of *Thetford*, to whom the said King had granted the lordship of *Guert*, which he then also held, and on his death, granted it to his see for ever.

NORWICH PRIORY MANOR.

These tenures thus united, were held by his successour, till *John de Grey* Bishop of *Norwich*, on *June* 2, in the 5th year of his pontificate, granted it to the prior of *Norwich*, by way of exchange for certain tenures at *Lynn;*[9] and in the 9th of *Henry* III. the prior gave two palfreys to have a fair and a mercate here and in *Hemesby.*

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[7] Anant had a lordship here.

[8] Terra Willi. Epi. de feudo.——— Smethduna H. Setesforda tenet Guert T.R.E. iii car. in dominio et xv ac. tc. xv. vill. p. et mo. v sep. xxxix bord. et v serv. viii ac. p'ti. sep. v car. hom. silv. ad lx iiii por. mol. i r. et xlv. porc. et ccc ovs. huic man. jacet i beruita que vocatr. Frenga. sep. i car. in dominio et vii vill. et ii soc ten. i car. et dim. et de uno soc. fecit beruita. Agelmar. Episc. et vii bord. et ali. soc. h't iiii bord. et un lib. ho. i car. in dominio de he't fecit beruitam. sep. vi bord. et ii servi, et ali. lib. ho. sep. i car. in dominio et de hoc fecit beruita. semp. iiii bord. et ii serv. et ii libi. ho'es. ii car. t're. de h. et i beruita, ii car. in dominio et v bord. et ii serv. et ii ac. p'ti. et T.R.E. i molin. hunc inde tulit Anant antec. Petri de Valoinjis; hoc tot. val. T.R.E. xvi lib. p. et mo. xxiiii lib.————In ead. Ingulfus ten. i car. t're. qua' tenuit Guert T.R.E. sep. i car. in dominio et val. x sol. Tot. ht. i leug. in longo et i lg. in lato, et reddit iiii sol. de gelto.—— Hic jacent semp. viii libi. ho'es. soca et com'datione tant. iiii car. t're. semp. v villi. iiii ac. p'ti. tc. iiii car. mo. iii tc. val. xl sol. mo. lxxx tot. ht. i lg. in longo, et dim. in lato et redd. xviid. et i sol. de xx sol. de gelto.

Sir *John de Catteston* confirmed in 1246, to the prior, *Simon,* &c. all that they held of the fee of *Walter Fitz-Roger,* in *Secheford,* saving to him and his heirs, scutage, relief, ward to *Norwich* castle, and suit of court to the sheriffs; witnesses, Sir *Adam de Burlingham,* Knt. *William de Hakeford,* Mr. *Ralph de Thurston,* &c.

The said prior and convent granted to Sir *John* and his heirs, free ingress into their manor, and to distrain as well on their freemen and villains, as their men and tenants, which he held of the said fee.

In the 18th of *Henry* III. *William de Eye,* sold to the prior for 100*s.* 30 acres of land.

John Fitz-Jeffrey and *Basilia* his wife, by fine levied, before *Henry de Bath,* Mr. *Simon de Wanton,* &c. the King's justices, convey to the prior, *ao.* 34 of that King, 20 acres.

Walter, son of *Robert de Secheford,* gave several villains with their tenements and services, *cum tota sequela.*

John, son of *William Caly,* grants to *Simon* the prior, &c. a tenement in 1256, and *Roger de Langton,* to *Roger* the prior, &c. 2 villains; *Christiana,* daughter of *Alan de Secheford,* 25 acres and an half.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior was found to have the assise of bread and beer, and other privileges.

In the 6th of that King, *William de Secheford* quitclaimed to the prior, his right in the fold called *East Lyng,* and in all the arable lands of the prior, from the said heath, to the field of *Docking* and *Southmere.*

Ralph de Barsham, vicar of St. *Mary de Secheford,* gave a messuage; and *William de Kirkeby,* all the lands, &c. which he bought here of Sir *William Felmingham,* in 1280.

Sir *John de Ingaldesthorp* granted to the said prior, 14 acres of land, paying 5*s.* *per ann.* *Richard,* son of *Alban de Stanford,* gave him all his lands, with 2 sheep folds, and all the lands which *Matilda,* late wife of *Alban de Stanford,* his mother, had in dower of his inheritance.

In the 8th of *Edward* II. the prior had license to purchase 17 acres and an half of land, and 2 of marsh in this town; and *Adam Baldeswell* aliened to him 12 acres of land, and one of moor.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. the prior was found to hold half a fee of the Bishop, which *Adam de Baldeswell* and others held of the lands of *Robert de Caston* formerly; and in 1428, his temporalities were valued at 16*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* *ob.* *per ann.*

In 1519, it appears from the account of the cellerar of *Norwich,* that 100*s.* was paid to *Thomas L'Estrange,* Esq. for a fine of certain lands here, 12*d.* for suit of court; for sheriff's shot, 20*d.;* to *Norwich* castle guard, 3*s.* 6*d.* for half a year; to the manor of *Hunstanton,* 7*d.* ½.; honour of *Clare,* 9*d.*

At the dissolution of the priory, King *Henry* VIII. granted it to the dean and chapter of *Norwich,* then founded by him, who are the present lords.

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[9] Regist. 1. Eccles. Cath. Norw. fol. 3.——Rot. Pip.

CASTON'S MANOR.

The family of *Caston* had also a lordship here, as appears from what has been observed above, under the 9th of *Henry* III. part of which was then granted to the prior; and in the 19th of *Edward* IV. Sir *John de Caston* and *Katherine* his wife, convey to Mr. *John de Brisley, John Yemme* of *Norwich*, and *William de Sharington*, chaplain, 5*s*. and 1*d*. rent, with the moiety of one Knight's fee, the services of the prior and convent of *William de Secheford*, and other tenants of his lordship, held of the Bishop of *Norwich*, for 100 marks of silver; and in the following year, the prior was found to hold half a fee of the Bishop, which *Adam de Baldeswell* and others held formerly of *Robert de Caston*.

The *Sechefords* had also a lordship. *Walter*, son of *Robert de Secheford*, gave several villains to the priory in King *Henry* the Third's time; and *Sabina*, daughter of *Walter*, granted to *William de Kirkeby*, the prior, her right in 9*s*. rent, with a free fold, late her father's, for 2 marks.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *William de Secheford* and *Henry de Elingham*, held half a fee of the Bishop, which *William de Secheford* formerly held.

Of this family was *Robert de Secheford*, Esq. one of the *Norfolk* Gentlemen who accompanied *John* of *Gaunt* Duke of *Lancaster* in his expedition into *Spain*.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Thomas de Secheford* was found to hold here and in *Thornham*, half a fee of the Bishop of *Norwich*.

After this, it was in the *Delapoles* Dukes of *Suffolk*; and in the 22d of *Henry* VII. was granted to *John Carre* and his heirs male, by letters patents, dated *April* 11, as parcel of the lands of that Duke, settled on Sir *Robert Drury*, &c. in trust, for *Margaret* Countess of *Suffolk*, as part of her jointure.

In the 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, *September* 6, it was granted to *Francis Chaloner*, and *William Butler*.

After this, it was possessed by *John L'Estrange*, Esq. (3d son of Sir *Nicholas L'Estrange* of *Hunstanton*) who married *Anne*, daughter and heir of *Richard Goding*, Esq. of *Boston* in *Lincolnshire*, by whom he had 3 daughters and coheirs:[1] *Eleanor*, one of them, married Sir *Henry Spilman*, the great antiquary, but *Anne*, their mother, remarrying *Richard Stubbs*, Esq. he gained possession of it.

By an inquisition taken at *Norwich* castle, *September* 22, *ao*. 19 of *James* I. before *William Heigham*, Esq. escheator, it was found that *Richard Stubbs*, Esq. died *November* 24, in the 17th of that King, seized of it, formerly part of the possessions of the Duke of *Suffolk*, and that it was entailed on Sir *Hamon L'Estrange* of *Hunstanton*, and *Alice* his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Richard*, and was held in soccage of the manor of *East Greenwich* in *Kent*, by fealty, and paying 13*s*. 4*d*. *per ann*.

In this family it remains, the Honourable Sir *Henry L'Estrange*, Bart. being the late lord.

[1] Dorothy married Roger Anderson, Gent. and Catherine died single.

This *Richard* was son of ——— *Stubbs*, Gent. by *Alice* his wife, daughter of ——— *Richers*, Gent. of *Bungey* in *Suffolk*.

I find that *Isabel*, Queen dowager of *England*, when she resided at *Rysing* castle, in King *Edward* the Third's reign, as lady of the hundred of *Smethdon*, claimed the amercements belonging to the prior of *Norwich's* lete in his manor: her style and title she then used, was Queen of *England*, Lady of *Ireland*, and Countess of *Ponteif*.

John Duke of *Lancaster*, King of *Castile* and *Leon*, sued the prior for 12*d*. *per ann*. quitrent, and 8*s*. *per ann*. due for the lete of the town, which he recovered as lord of the hundred, *ao*. 6 of *Richard* II. on a commission of enquiry.

Stubbs bore *sable*, in a bend, between three phæons, *argent*, as many round buckles, *gules*;—*Gooding*, three spear heads.

The tenths were 15*l*. 10*s*.—Deducted 6*l*.

The Church is dedicated to St. *Mary*, and consists of a nave, a north and south isle, a south transept, and a chancel covered with lead.

There has been also a north transept, now in ruins, and has a round steeple with three bells.

In the middle of the chancel is an altar tomb, but no memorial thereon, said to be in memory of *Stubbs*, probably for *Richard Stubbs*, Esq.

In the south transept lies,

Ambrose Fleming, Gent. who died 1637, *aged* 61—*William Palmer, Gent. who died* 1634,

And in the nave,

Thomas Buller, Gent. who died 1653.

In this church were the guilds of St. *Mary*, St. *John Baptist*, and of *All-Saints*; to all which *John Acre de Eton* in *Seggeford* gave legacies by will in 1444, and to the church 9 roods of land lying at *Tokysty*; and the gild of the *Holy Trinity*, the image of St. *James* in the north alley.

It was anciently a rectory valued at 45 marks, and appropriated to the use of the cellarer of *Norwich* priory,[2] by *John de Grey* Bishop of *Norwich*, on the 11th of the calends of *April*, in the 5th year of his pontificate.

The present valor of the vicarage is 8*l*. ancient valor 6 marks.

In the 6th of *Edward* I. *William de Secheford* acknowledged by fine the advowson of the church to be in the prior and convent, and it is now in the dean and chapter.

VICARS.

Ralph de Barsham was vicar before 1274.
1310, *Adam de Bedingham*, by the prior and convent of *Norwich*.
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[2] Reg. Ecc. Norw. 1. fol. 36.

1355, *Richard Perkin,* by the prior and convent of *Norwich.*
1397, *Richard Castre. Ditto.*
1402, *Richard Gore. Ditto.*
1405, *John Aylesham. Ditto.*
1405, *Thomas Middleton.*
1426, *John Amy. Ditto.*
1433, *John Sterre. Ditto.*
1456, *William Brewster,* by the dean and chapter of *Norwich.*
Thomas Laucock.
1559, *John Feltham. Ditto.*
1563, *Thomas Drake.*
1600, *Christopher Powley.*
1619, *Phil. Leade. Ditto.*
1636, *William Waters. Ditto.*
1692, *John Wilson. Ditto.*
1703, *William Pitcarn. Ditto.*
1708, *Robert Harmer. Ditto.*
1737, *Robert Cremer, ditto,* died vicar 1751.
1751, *John Hatch,* on *Cremer's* death, by the dean, &c. of *Norwich.*

In the 44th of *Edward* III. the King granted to *John Essex,* clerk, the chapel of St. *Peter* of *Sechisford:* prayers were every day in this chapel for the soul of *Rose de Segeford.*

GNATYNGDON.

NEAR to the town of *Sedgeford,* there was a village, or hamlet at the Conquest, called *Nettington,* and afterwards *Gnatyngdon.*

At the survey it was the lordship of *Godwin Halden,* who being a freeman, held it in King *Edward's* reign, under *Guert,* and after under *Ralph,* and now of the King; it contained one carucate of land, 2 borderers, and one socman had an acre, valued before the Conquest at 10*s.* now at 20*s. per ann.*[3]

This *Godwin Halden,* held also at the survey the manor of *Halesdon,* in the hundred of *Taverham,* which *Stigand* held before the Conquest, the manor of *Oxnede* in *South Erpingham* hundred, held before the Conquest, by *Ailldig,* a freeman under *Guert,* also the manor of *Barnham* in *Fourhow* hundred, held by a freeman before the Conquest; so that all these were of the gift of the Conqueror, to *Godwin,* on the expulsion of the former lords and owners, who held them in King *Edward's* reign.

Godwin Halden, by his name, seems to be an Old *English Saxon,* or *Dane,* and how he came to be in such favour, and to merit so

[3] H. Smitheduna. Terre Goduini Haldein.——Nettinghetuna, tenet idem G. lib. ho'. T.R.E. i car. tre sub Guert. et sub Rad. et mo. de Rege, sep. ii bor. et i soc. i ac. tc. val. x sol. et mo. xxs.

much from the Conqueror, is not known; it is however worthy of our remark, and notice, that if he was an *English Saxon*, &c. he is the only one I have yet found in *Norfolk*, that was allowed to keep his land at the Conquest, and hold it at the survey.

This, soon after, was in the see of *Norwich*, and granted by *Herbert*, the Bishop, to the priory, of *Norwich*, and was probably one of the beruites in *Sedgford* before mentioned.

In the reign of *Edward* II. *Robert*, prior of *Norwich*, brought an assise against *Robert Cheyne*, *Thomas de Secheford*, *Richard Perkin*, vicar of *Secheford*, &c. for unjustly disseising him and the convent of the manor of *Gnatyngdon*, and a free-tenement which *Nicholas*, formerly prior, was seized of, and his right was allowed;[4] it appearing that Bishop *Turbus* had confirmed to them this lordship with the foldage, and that the inhabitants of this place should be distinct in their customs, from those of *Secheford*, and that the lands of *Geff. Mareschal* of *Gnatyngdon* should be free and quit of all dues from the episcopal officers.

Mr. *Blomefield* places *Gnatingdon* in *Suffolk*,[5] but it is plain, he was therein mistaken: and it is now corruptly called *Eaton*.

THORNHAM.

THE lordship of this town was in the see of the *East-Angles*, or *Elmham*, in the *Saxon* age; *Ailmar*, or *Agelmar*, Bishop of *Elmham*, held it in King *Edward's* reign, and Bishop *Beaufoe*, Bishop of *Thetford*, when *Domesday Book* was made, held it in right of his see, with 3 carucates of land; there were always 3 carucates in demean, and 3 amongst the men, with 21 villains, 14 acres of meadow, a mill, 16 socmen, with one carucate and an half, and 5 borderers, &c. formerly valued at 14*l.* at the survey at 16*l. per ann.* was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 11*d. gelt*.[6]

BISHOP'S MANOR.

Herbert Bishop of *Norwich* complaining of certain injuries and encroachments made on his men, and tenants here, from those of the Earl *Warren*, King *Henry* I. directed his mandate to *Roger Bigot*,

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[4] Reg. i Ecc. Norw. fol. 28.

[5] Vol. iv. p. 557.

[6] H. Smetheduna. Terra. Willi. ep. Tedfordensis ad episcopatu' pertinens T.R.E.——Tornham, tenuit Ailmer ep. T.R.E. p. man. mo. ep. in d. p. man. et p. iii car. tre, et sep. iii car. in d'nio et iii car. hom. et xxi vill. xiiii ac. p'ti mo. i mol. et xvi soc. de i car. et dim. et v bor. in d'nio. ii runc. ii an. xxx porc. et d. ov. tc. val. xiiii lib. mo. xvi totu. ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et reddit ii sol de gelto.

&c. to see it rectified; dated at *Windsor*, and witnessed by the said *Roger*.[7]

In the 35th of *Henry* III. *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich*, had a charter for free-warren, and it was found in the 3d of *Edward* I. that the Bishop had the assise of bread and beer, and would not permit the King's bailiff, and coroner to enter here; he received all amercements of his men, and all profits in whatever courts they are amerced; and suffered not his freemen through his whole barony, to appear at the assises, or inquisitions, by virtue of liberties granted to him, and his predecessors, and at the same time paid 4*s*. to the lord of the hundred for the lete.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *William de Secheford*, and *Henry de Elingham*, held half a fee of the Bishop, and *Thomas de Secheford* held it in the 3d of *Henry* IV.

On the exchange of lands belonging to the see, by act of parliament in the 35th of *Henry* VIII. this lordship, coming to the Crown, was granted by that King the 30th of *March*, *Ao*. 29, to his physician, *William Butts*, *M.D.* and *Margaret* his wife, for their lives, with messuages, lands in *Ringstead*, *Stanhow*, &c. without impeachment of waste; remainder to *Edmund Butts*, their son, and his heirs; remainder to *Thomas Butts*, their son, who was lord in the 34th of *Elizabeth*.

Doctor Butts was highly eminent in his profession, one of the founders of the college of physicians in *London*, and knighted by King *Henry* VIII.

Soon after it reverted to the Crown, and Sir *Edward Coke*, the lord chief justice, having purchased it of Queen *Elizabeth*, settled it in the 15th of *James* I. on Sir *John Villiers*, afterwards Viscount *Purbeck*, on his marriage with *Frances*, a daughter of Sir *Edward*.

After this ------ *Arsdale*, Esq. was lord, and his daughter and heir brought it to ----- *Wilson*, Esq. by marriage.

Anciently I find it a custom that if the tenants of the manor found on the shore any wreck, or royal fish, the lord was to have one moiety, and they the other.

NORWICH PRIORY MANOR.

In the 9th of *Richard* I. Mr. *Simon de Thornham*, held a carucate of land here and in *Titchwell*, late *Robert Batail's*, and *Nicholas*, son of *Hugh*, surrendered by fine all his right therein, before *Hubert* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, &c. and the said *Simon* granted it, in the 10th of King *John*, to *William*, the prior of *Norwich*; the said *Simon*, and *Gregory* his brother, holding it for life.

Silvester, son of *Richard de Cumbes*, for 10*l*. of silver granted to *Roger*, the prior, in the reign of *Henry* III. his water-mill, and windmill held of the Bishop, and paying to the Bishop 40*s*.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. it was found that the prior had this liberty, of not being impleaded in any court baron, or county court, but before the King, or his chief justice.

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[7] Reg. i Ecc. Norw. p. 53.

Henry Spencer Bishop of *Norwich* aliened to the priory of *Lenn,* (a cell to *Norwich,)* lands here, in *Hilderston, North Elmham,* and *Blofield,* to the value of 50*l. per ann.*

On the dissolution of the priory, this was granted to the dean and chapter of *Norwich,* and so continues at this time.

Tenths 6*l.* 14*s.*

The Church is dedicated to *All-Saints,* and was formerly a rectory in the patronage of the Bishops of *Norwich,* valued at 42 marks, and was appropriated to the Bishop's table, and the vicarage valued at 6 marks.

In the 20th of *Edward* II. it was found that all the issues and profits of this church, with those of *Hoxne, Terling,* and *Longham,* and of the palace of *Norwich,* in time of a vacation, belong not to the King, but to the succeeding Bishop.

The vicarage is valued at 10*l.*

The church is a large regular pile, and has a nave, north and south isle, with a chancel covered with lead, and at the west end a large square tower, but the upper part is fallen down, and now lies open, in which there were 4 bells.

At the east end of the nave, near the screens, lies a grave-stone,

Orate p. a'i'a Joh. Miller, qui ob. 1488; and on the screens, *Orate p. a'iab; Joh. Miller, et Claricie uxor: ejus, &c.*

On a grave-stone,

Orate p. a'ia Simonis Miller, qu'da' mercatoris istius ville qui ob. 4 *Kal. Aug.* 1464.

Also one

In memory of Robert Brown, Gent. who died 1711.

On a gravestone,

Walter Walterson, merchant, died March 15, 1721, *he bequeathed* 100*l. to buy lands, now purchased at Ringsted, and ordered the rents and issues to be distributed by the ministers and church-wardens of Thornham and Titchwell, on the first Sunday in December yearly, amongst such poor persons of the said parishes as do not receive collection, two thirds to Thornham, and one third to Titchwell poor.*

An altar tomb in the church-yard,

In memory of Frances daughter of James Hunt, Esq; and Fran. his wife, of Letheringset in Norfolk, who died 1734.

In the 25th of *Henry* III. a jury was summoned to find whether 230 acres of land, half an acre of meadow, and a messuage in this town were parcel of the possessions of the rector of the church, or a lay fee belonging to the prior of *Norwich;* the prior set forth that on the foundation of the priory, Bishop *Herbert* gave it to them, and that the Bishops *Everard, William, John* of *Oxford,* and *John de Grey,* confirmed the grant; that the prior granted the advowson of the church to the Bishop who took away the land from the prior; afterwards the same Bishop separated the rent of the land from the rent of the church, and granted it out to *R. M.* who gave it to one *Simon*, who retained only *5l.* thereof as parson, but Mr. *John de Eye* pleaded that the said land belonged to *Thornham* church before the foundation of the priory, in the time of the *Englishmen*, and before the Conquest. The prior produced the charter of Bishop *Herbert*, *viz.*

" *Herbert*, bishop to the monks of the *Holy Trinity*, whereas ye
" object to me, that I bought *Thorp* (by *Norwich)* for you only, I
" bought it for myself, and you, giving you the greatest part, I kept
" the least for myself, which division I always thought necessary for
" the church, for if the bishop should have no land at *Norwich*, his
" frequent coming thither would be very troublesome to you, and
" therefore I give you in exchange for that part of *Thorp*, which I
" keep in my own hands, my manor of *Gnatington*, with the fold-
" courses, &c. and the church of *Thornham*, the land of *Thurstan*,
" the deacon, a carucate of land at *Gaywood*, which was *Hugh Calves*,
" which paid one mark farm to the bishop, the land lying in *Mint-*
" *lyng*."

The prior likewise produced the charter of Bishop *Eborard*, testifying that he surrendered the tenement aforesaid, the land of *Thurstan*, the deacon, and of - - - - *Mareschall* of *Gnatington.*

The jury find that *Thurstan*, the deacon, parson of *Thornham*, held the church and land, and paid the Bishop *2s. 6d. per ann.* that the prior never had the church, and that *Thurstan* had a son, called *Elverick*, parson of *Thornham*, and his son *William* was parson likewise, who all held the church and land, but after that, the prior and monks remained in possession of the church and lands.

RECTORS.

Robert Buttamund, occurs rector 1216.

Ralph de Blunvill, in 1236, collated by *Thomas Blunvill* Bishop of *Norwich.*

Roger de Hautesce, occurs rector in 1242, and in 1281.

John Miller farmed this appropriated rectory, with the glebe lands, tithes of corn, hay, &c. of Bishop *Hopton, A°.* 4, and 5, of *Philip* and *Mary*, and paid 14*l. per ann.*

VICARS.

Benedict, occurs vicar in 1286.
1330, *Adam Anand*, collated by the Bishop.
Richard Elyngston.
1394, *John Bridford*, collated by the Bishop.
1400, *John Freton. Ditto.*
1405, *John Lovel. Ditto.*
1412, *John Hogan. Ditto.*
1434, *John Fyket. Ditto.*
1436, *Thomas Baxter. Ditto.*
1439, *Thomas Esthaw*, by the Bishop's vicar-general.

1462, *Simon Rands*, collated by the Bishop.
1496, *Reg. Bladys. Ditto.*
1523, *John Grey. Ditto.*
1532, *William Pacock. Ditto.*
1548, *Lanc. Southeke. Ditto.*
1555, *Simon Anderson. Ditto.*
1556, *George Blunt. Ditto.*
1569, *Thomas Billingford. Ditto.*
1573, *Richard Todd. Ditto.* In 1603, he certified that there were 220 communicants.
1631, *William Tompson. Ditto.*
1669, *John May*, A.M. *Ditto.*
1670, *Robert Browne*, A.M. *Ditto.*
1679, *John Hodson. Ditto.*
1704, *Abraham Wilkins. Ditto.*
1733, *Robert Donne, ditto*, on *Wilkins's* death.
1739, *Henry Goodall. Ditto.*
1743, *Edward Castleton. Ditto.*

Bishop *Reynolds*, in his lease of this rectory, reserved 20*l. per ann.* to be paid for ever to the vicar.

In the church were the gilds of St. *Mary*, *Holy Trinity*, St. *Thomas* the Martyr, and St. *John Baptist*.

TITCHWELL,

WITH THE MANOR,

WAS a beruite to the manor of *Southmere* and held by the Conqueror, as the book of *Domesday* testifies. *Harold* the King, had been lord of it, (but on his death the Conqueror seized it) when it contained a carucate and an half in demean, 14 villains, 6 borderers and 4 servi, with 16 acres of meadow, &c. and a mill; there was one carucate amongst the tenants, and 4 socmen with 2 carucates and 9 acres, also one socman with 60 acres and 2 bovates, and one socman with half a bovate, and the 4th part of an acre.[8]

This lordship was granted with *Southmere*, in or about the reign of King *Henry* I. to *William Lovell*, or to *Goel de Hebreys*, or *Iberi*, his father, of whom see in *Southmere*, and continued in that family many years.

In the 26th of *Henry* VI. by an inquisition taken at *Lytcham* in *Norfolk*, the jury find that *John* Lord *Lovell*, gave this lordship to one *Thomas Lovell*, (this *John* Lord *Lovell*, was probably the father

[8] H. de Dochinge. Terre Regis—— Tigeswella, i beruita semp. i car. et dim. in d. et xiiii vill. et vi bor. et iiii ser. et xvi ac. p'ti. silva lx por. mo. i mol. semp. i car. hom'num et iiii soc. ii car. t're. ii car. et ii soc. vi acr. et i soc. lx ac. ii bov. et i soc. d. quarta parte uni. acre.

of *Maude*, an only daughter, married to the Lord *Zouch*, and *Thomas* was his brother,) and the heirs of his body: *Thomas* had issue, *Ralph* and *Thomas*; *Ralph* had a daughter *Margery*, who died without issue in the aforesaid year; and *Margery*, wife of Sir *Edward Hull*, and *Agnes*, wife of *John Wake*, Esq. were cousins and heirs of *Margery*, viz. daughters and heirs of *Thomas Lovell*, son of *Thomas*, and brother of *Ralph*, father of *Margery*, and the manor was held by the 7th part of a fee.

In the 27th of *Henry* VI. the manor of *Titchwell* was settled by Sir *John Fastolf* on the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, &c. his feoffees.

In the 18th of *Edward* IV. it was conveyed by *William Wainfleet* Bishop of *Winchester*, &c. to *Magdalen* college, *Oxford*, having license of mortmain for so doing, in which college it still continues.

EAST-HALL.

Another manor or small tenure was at the survey in the hands of *Roger Bigot*, held by *Tove*, a freeman, under *Harold*, in the Confessor's time, and *Ralph*, son of *Herluine*, held it under *Bigot*, consisting of one carucate of land, one carucate in demean, one amongst the men, with 6 villains, a borderer, and 2 acres and a half of meadow, valued at 13*s*. 4*d*. at the survey at 12*s*.[9]

In the 9th of *Edward* II. *Henry de Esthall*, and one of the same name held in the 20th of *Edward* III. the 4th part of a fee.

Thomas Martin of *Brecham*, and *Maud* his wife, conveyed by fine, to *Richard Couper* of *Titchwell*, in the 48th of that King, the 4th part of a fee in lands, rents and services.

The tenths 7*l*. deducted 1*l*. 10*s*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Mary*, and is a rectory. It is a single pile, covered with thatch, and the chancel is tiled: at the west end is a round tower of flint, with a shaft covered with lead.

The present valor is 12*l*. and the patronage is in *Eton* college.

The abbot of *Ibrey* in *Normandy*, had the patronage in the reign of *Edward* I. when the rector had a manse, with 30 acres of land, then valued at 15 marks, and the aforesaid abbot had also a portion of tithe valued at 13*s*. 4*d*. *Peter*-pence 12*d*.

RECTORS.

1313, *John de Kendale*, rector, presented by *Gilbert Lovell*, proxy for the abbot, &c. of *Ybreye*.
1323, *Edmund Everard*. *Ditto*.
1325, *John Everard* occurs rector.
1328, *John de Shareshull*. *Ditto*.
1328, *William de Povere*. *Ditto*.

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[9] H. de Dochinge.——Terra Rogeri Bigoti.——In Tiguiuella ten. Tove lib. ho. sub Heroldo T.R.E. i car. t're. mo. ten. Radulfus, tc. i car. in d'nio. et mo. sem. i car. ho'um. et vi vill. et i bor. et ii ac. et dim. p'ti. tc. val. xiii sol. et iiiid. mo. xii.

1338, *Richard de Blida.*

1349, *John de Lancaster,* by the King, the temporalities of *Ibrey* abbey being in him.

1360, *Robert de Martin,* by the prior of *Minstre Lovell,* proxy for the abbot, &c. of *Ibrey.*

John de Thelwall.

1375, *John de Brunne,* by the King.

1376, *William de Appleton. Ditto.*

1380, *William Yovele. Ditto.*

1383, *William Horburg. Ditto.*

1384, *William Kelby. Ditto.*

1397, *William Reede. Ditto.*

1398, *William Cove. Ditto.*

1431, *John Yeldham. Ditto.*

1432, *William Dode. Ditto.*

1434, *John Moore. Ditto.*

1436, *John Trafford. Ditto.*

1440, *Richard Whyte. Ditto.*

1450, *William Cootyng. Ditto.*

1457, *And. Baberby,* by *Eton* college.

1486, *John Carter. Ditto.*

1516, *Miles Ragon. Ditto.*

William Wall.

1533, *James Hauley. Ditto.*

1538, *John Balkey. Ditto.*

1546, *John Northfolke. Ditto.*

1547, *Hugh Hodgson. Ditto.*

1561, *John Hancock. Ditto.*

1591, *William Harrys, ditto;* in 1603, he certified that there were 80 communicants.

1637, *John Harrison. Ditto.*

1642, *Charles Faldo. Ditto.*

1658, *John Clever. Ditto.*

1687, *John Hodson,* by the King, a lapse.

1704, *Abraham Wilkins,* collated by the Bishop, a lapse.

1734, *Robert Dunn,* by the provost, &c. of *Eton* college.

Here was the guild of St. *Nicholas.*

The town in the *Saxon* age was called *Tigeswella,* and *Tiquiuella,* on the water of the river *Ti;* thus *Tisted.*

TAVERHAM HUNDRED,

King *Stephen* is said to have granted this hundred to *William de Cheyney,* in exchange for *Moleham*; what *Moleham* this was, is not mentioned; but it is certain it returned to the Crown. Sir *William de St. Omer* farmed it, with the hundreds of *Walsham* and *Blowfield,* of King *Henry* III. in his 52d year, and of King *Edward* I. in the 3d year of his reign; when they were in the King's hand they were worth 9*l. per ann.* but Sir *Will.* let them at 24*l. per ann.* *Nicholas de Castello* farmed them of King *Edward* I. in his 11th year, at 11*l. per ann.*

In the 9th of *Edward* II. *John de Clavering* farmed this hundred of the Crown.

King *James* I. in his 22d year, granted it to Sir *Charles Cornwallis,* during the lives of *Charles,* eldest son of Sir *Will. Cornwallis* and of *Thomas Cornwallis,* 2d son of Sir *Charles,* &c. with all its rites, courts, letes, felons goods, paying 23*l.* 10*d. per ann.*

Before this, in the 36th of *Elizabeth, Bassingb. Gawdy,* Esq. high sheriff, accounted for it to the Crown; and in 1689 the Earl of *Yarmouth* held it.

The court for the hundred was kept at *Fretenham Hill.*

The hundred gave name to a deanery which was taxed at 6*s.* 8*d.* and the dean of it paid yearly to the Archdeacon of *Norwich,* for synodals at *Easter,* 20*s.* and the same at *Michaelmas,* and *Peter*-pence 20*s.*—The snyodals due from every church at each time being 6*d.* anciently, and the deanery was in the Bishop's gift.

ATTLEBRIDGE,

So called from its site, near the bridge over the river; a bridge being there, as appears in *Edward* the Confessor's time; several persons had an interest then in this village: *Alan*, the great Earl of *Richmond*, had 30 acres of land, with a carucate of meadow, of which 3 freemen were deprived, who held it in King *Edward's* reign, under *Guerd*, or *Guert*, brother to King *Harold*, and one of Earl *Goodwin's* sons, valued at 4*s.*[1]

The family of *De Furneaux* were anciently lords of this, under the Earls of *Richmond*.

William de Lions and his tenants held here and in *Swanington*, half a fee of the honour of *Richmond*, in the reign of *Henry* III. under *Robert de Furneaux*.

In the 26th of *Edward* III. *Nicholas Maloysel* held it; and *Thomas Gyney*, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Thomas* Lord *Scales* died seized of it in the 35th of *Henry* VI. *John de Melton* and *Alice* his wife, of *Swanington*, released to *John de Brisingham*, their right in the lands, &c. which they bought of *Robert Maloysell* in this town, and *Taverham*, in the 13th of *Richard* II.—witnesses, *Robert de Berney, John White, Thomas Geney*, Knights, &c.

William Bishop of *Thetford* held at the survey, in his own right, (as a lay fee, of which *Gosfrid*, a freeman, was deprived,) 16 acres of land, and there was a borderer, with half a carucate and 2 acres of meadow, valued at 6*s.* 8*d.* and a church with 60 acres, valued at 6*d.*[2]

This went along with his manor of *Taverham*, as may be there seen.

William de Scohies had 35 acres of land, out of which 2 freemen, with 2 borderers, who held half a carucate and 2 acres of meadow, were expelled; and this was valued with *Scohies* lordship in *Wichingham.*[3]

Walter Giffard had also at the survey 5 acres and an half of land, of which 3 freemen were deprived, and 2 borderers, who held in King *Edward's* time 2 carucates of meadow, valued at 10*s.*[4]

William de Scohies was a *Norman* chief, and sold all his lordships in *England* to *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*, in the reign of *Henry* I. and they came soon after, by the marriage of an heiress of the Earl of *Bucks*, into the family of the Earls of *Clare*.

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[1] Terre Alani Comitis——In Atebruge iii libi. ho'es sub Guerd xxx ac. tc. i car. mo. dim. et ii ac. p'ti. et val. iiii sol.

[2] Terra Willi. Epi. Tedfordensis de feudo.——In Atebruge tenet Gosfridus i lib. ho. xvi ac. t're. et i bord. semp. dim. car. et ii ac. p'ti. et val. vi sol. et viiid. i ecclia vi ac. et val. vid.

[3] Terra Willi. de Scohies——In Atlebruge xxxv ac. t're. ii libi. ho'es. sep. ii bor. et dim. car. et ii ac. p'ti. et e in p'tio. de Witchingham.

[4] Terre Walteri Giffardi——In Attebruge iii libi. ho'es. dim. et v ac. terre, sep. ii bor. tc. ii car. p. et mo. i. et ii ac. p'ti. et val. x sol.

In the reign of *Henry* III. *William de Lions,* and *Sibilla* his wife, and *Peter de Maloysel,* held lands here, in *Weston* and *Wichingham,* of the Earl of *Clare,* and *Nicholas Maloysel* and *Adam de Lyons,* in the 20th of *Edward* III.

BROCKDISH HALL.

Walter Giffard's manor of *Taverham* extended into this town, and was held by Sir *John de Eston,* or *Hestron.* In the 30th of *Edward* I an assise was brought to know if *Hortensia,* widow of *John de Eston, Ralph de Holveston, Cecilia de Holveston,* and *Isabel* her sister, *William de Wyltshire,* parson of *Alderford, Mabel* his sister, and *Gunnora de Holveston,* had disseized *Nicholas de Hestron* and *Margaret* his wife, of lands in *Attleburgh* and *Taverham,* before *Walter de Gyselham,* and *Hugh de Cressingham,* justices.

It afterwards came, by *Elizabeth,* daughter and heir of *John de Eston,* to *Thomas de Brockdish;* and by *Joan,* daughter and heir of *William de Brockdish,* to *John Springwell.*

In the 16th of *Edward* IV. they conveyed it by fine to *Hugh Denne,* and *Henry Heydon,* with a messuage, 50 acres of land, 7 of meadow, 3 of pasture, a marsh, 26*s.* and 1*d.* rent, and the liberty of a fold-course.

Dean and *Heydon,* sell it to - - - - - - - *Curtis,* and he to - - - - - - - *Ellis,* probably *William Elys,* Esq. one of the barons of the Exchequer, who is said to have enjoyed all the estates in this town.

Francis Bacon, one of the judges of the King's Bench, is said to have purchased the demeans of this manor of the Crown; (in whom the manor still continues) he married *Elizabeth,* daughter of *William Robinson* of *Norwich,* and was father of *Francis Bacon,* recorder of *Norwich,* whose daughter and sole heir *Ann,* brought it by marriage to *Robert Davy,* recorder of *Norwich* in 1701, and burgess for that city, who died *s. p.*

The site of this lordship of *Brockdish,* and *Dighton's,* so called from an ancient family, (of which was *William Dighton,* living in the 6th of *Edward* II. and *Walter Dighton,* in the 42d of *Edward* III. and had considerable possessions here) was compassed about with a moat.

In the 14th of *Charles* I. *Dighton* hills, in *Attleburgh,* and the heath, were conveyed (containing 300 acres of land) to *Henry* Lord *Matrevers,* being granted to *Francis Braddock,* and *Christopher Kingscote* of *London,* by letters patent *February* 10, *A°.* 12, of *James* I. as concealed lands, under the seal of the dutchy of *Lancaster.*

In the 41st of *Henry* III. *Diketon* appears to have been a village, and is mentioned with *Swannington* and *Attlebrigg.*

Here were formerly, as appears from the Register of *Norwich,*[5] 5 foldcourses; *Refham* hall, belonging to *John Berney,* lord of it, formerly *Joan Est's,* daughter and heir of *William Refham*; *Kaund foldage,* sold by *Walter Kaund,* to *Reymer Payn,* vicar of *Calthorp,* so to *Simon Est,* and came after to Sir *Peter Tye;* *Sauser foldage,* sold by *William Sauser,* to *Jeff. de Salle,* and by him to *Ralph de Holveston;*

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[5] Regist. Secund. Eccles. Cath. Norwic. ad finem.

Doo foldage, sold by *John Doo,* to the *Elemosunar* of *Norwich; Povre's foldage,* sold by *Peter Povre* of *Laringset,* to *Jeffrey de Salle.*

The priory of *Norwich* had considerable possessions here.

Sir *Hervey de Stanhow* quitclaimed to *Roger,* the prior, 4 marks rent, *per ann.* of the water-mill here, which they held of the grant of *Hubert de Burgh,* father of *John de Burgh,* and warranted to defend him against Sir *John de Burgh.*[6]

Nicholas de Hestru, son of Sir *John,* grants to the prior *sans* date, land for the use of the almoner, and *Robert Isaac* of *Morton,* to *Roger,* the prior, an acre of meadow, between the pool of *Attleburgh* mill, and that of *Morton,* for the said use.

William de Lions, of *Weston,* grants for the said use, a meadow here, and *William Fitz-Simon,* of *Weston,* to *Roger,* the prior, two meadows, for the same use.

Robert Bataile of *Swanington,* to *Nicholas* the prior, his heath for the said use.

William de Refham, to *William,* the prior, a piece of meadow, and *Sarah de Carlton,* late wife of *William de Refham,* quitclaimed to *Henry,* the prior, lands and meadows.

Roger Maloysel of *Swanington,* to *Henry,* the prior, lands held of this fee at *Attleburgh.* In the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior had free-warren, and was found to have appropriated the water of the river, as his special fishery, formerly common, and to have the assise, a gallows, &c.

The temporalities of the prior in 1428, valued at 26*s.* 2*d.*

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the mill here is said to belong to the manor of *Causton,* and was in the King's hands, valued at 2 marks *per ann.*

The tenths were 1*l.* 17*s.*

In this village, somewhere near the river, was an hermitage. On the 2d of *August,* in the 27th of *Elizabeth, Theoph. Adams,* and *Thomas Butler,* had a grant of the hermitage here; hermitages were generally thus seated in times of popery, on great roads, (this being called *Walsingham Way)* and by bridges, thus at *Downham, Ickburgh, Brandon,* &c. in *Norfolk.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Andrew,* and was a rectory valued at 6 marks, granted by *Heymer,* rector of *Felthorp,* to the priory of *Norwich,* who had the patronage, after the decease, or recess of *Walter Fitz Geffrey,* rector of it, saving to the capellan that served it a competent sustenance, and was confirmed by *William,* son of *William de Swathefield,* the said *Heymer* gave also all his land in *Attlebrigg,* with all the liberties and appertenances in pastures, meadows, &c. so that it was esteemed a lordship.[7]

It was appropriated to the use of Elemosunary, *June* 5, 1236, by *Thomas* Bishop of *Norwich. Peter*-pence 11*d.*—*Carvage* 4*d. ob.*

The rectory is now, in the dean and chapter of *Norwich,* and leased out by them.

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[6] Reg. 2. Cath. Norw. p. 79.

[7] Reg. Cath. Norw. 2. fol. 39.——Reg. Cath. 4. f. 78.

RECTOR.

John Fitz Walter de Kaund, occurs rector in the time of *Nicholas,* prior of *Norwich.*

VICARS.

1303, *Ralph de Kirkeby,* instituted vicar, presented by the prior, the vicarage said then to be lately ordained.
1318, *John de Thrandeston. Ditto.*
1349, *John Snod.*
1361, *Andrew Plydmond.*
1391, *John Hamon.*
1394, *John Nicholas.*
1395, *Walter Skynner.*
1397, *Thomas Bishop.*
1405, *Roger Nichol.*
1408, *John Launet.*
1409, *John Ulf.*
Thomas Aleyn, vicar.
1445, *William Spink.*
Robert Leys, vicar.
1460, *Thomas Lamkyn.*
Robert Curteys, vicar.
1507, *William Clough.*
William Conyngham, vicar.
1525, *John Cross.*
1531, *Laur. Blacklock.*
1557, *John Scott,* presented by the dean and chapter of *Norwich.*
1561, *William Gladwyn,* by the Bishop, a lapse.
1583, *Thomas Harnes.*
1589, *Edward Roberts,* by the assignees of the dean and chapter.
1625, *Henry Tompson.*
1670, *Samuel Sayer.*
1672, *John Kypping: See in Alderford, in Eynford hundred.*
Lynn Smear, vicar in 1744.

In the church were, *sable* on a chevron engrailed, *argent,* three roses, *gules,* between three maids heads erased, *argent,* crined *or.*

Ellis, impaling *or,* on a chevron, *sable,* three lambkins.

The vicarage is valued at 4*l.* 6*s.* 10*d. ob.* and is discharged.

The church has a nave and one isle covered with lead, the chancel tiled; at the west end is a tower foursquare, and embattled.

In the church on a gravestone,

Orate p. a'iab; Hug. Denne et Joh. uxor. ej. qui quide' Hugh, ob. 31, *Martij, A°.* 1486.

Also

Hic jacet corpus Willi. Elys, filij et heredib; Willi. Elys, unius baron. sccij. Domini Regis.

In the nave, on a brass,

Orate p. Thoma Park, 1483.

Here was St. *James's* guild, and St. *Mary's* light.

BEESTON.

THE Conqueror was possessed of a lordship here, of which 6 freemen were deprived, who had it in King *Edward's* reign, containing 30 acres of land, and 2 carucates, with 2 acres of meadow, also 9 freemen with 40 acres and a carucate, valued in *Rachey; Godric* took care of this for the King, as his steward; the King and the Earl of *Norfolk* had the soc, the township was half a leuca long, and 5 furlongs broad, and paid 10*d.* gelt.[8]

Godric, the King's steward, had also 30 acres, and half a carucate, with 2 acres of meadow, of which a freeman was deprived, valued at 2*s. per. ann.* and the King and the Earl had the soc, and this *Godric* held in his own right.[9]

The ancient family of *De Mounteney* were lords of this manor in the reign of *Henry* II. when *Robert de Mounteney* was found to hold one fee here, &c. of the old feoffment, and Sir *Arnold de Mounteney* held here in *Catton,* &c. the same in King *Henry* the Third's time, of *Robert* Lord *Fitz Walter.*[1]

It is probable that it remained in the Crown some time, and was granted by King *Henry* I. to Sir *Richard de Lucy,* lord chief justice of *England.*

Maud, the eldest daughter and coheir of Sir *Richard,* married to *Walter Fitz Robert,* the progenitor of the Lords *Fitz Walter,* and Sir *Arnold de Mounteney,* married *Dionysia,* the fourth daughter and coheir.

One of the same name was lord in the 20th of *Edward* III. of *Wroxham, Catton,* &c.

[8] Terra Regis quam Godric' servat ——In Besetuna vi lib. ho'es xxx ac. tre. tc. ii car. p'. et mo. i et ii ac. p'ti. —Hic jacet (in Racheisham) ix lib. ho'es in Besetuna de XL ac. sep. i car. et st. in eode. p'tio, Rex et Comes socam. et Besetuna ht. dim. leug. in long. et v quar. in lato. et reddit xd. in geldu Regis.

[9] Terre Godricj Dapiferj——In Besetuna i lib. ho. xxx ac. dim. car. et ii ac. p'ti. et val. ii sol. Rex et Comes soca.

[1] Lib. Rub. S'ccij.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *John Lancaster* was found to hold the manor, late *Arnold de Mounteney's* in this town, *Sprouston*, *Wrexham*, &c.

John Jermy, Esq. was lord in the first of *Edward* V. and in the 17th of *Henry* VII. it was conveyed to *John Corbet*, Esq. and Sir *Thomas Corbet*, Bart. was lord in 1639.

After this it was purchased by Sir *Thomas Adams*, and after by Sir *Lamb. Blackwell*, Bart. as in *Sprouston*, in which family it remains.

In the 6th of *Edward* III. *Benedict de Beston* and *Agnes*, his wife, confirmed to *John de Corpusty*, merchant of *Norwich*, lands, &c. in this village, and *Thomas de Beston*, wills to be buried in the church of *Beston*, by his ancestors, and gives legacies to his nephew *John de Beston*.

John Cocke, son of *Roger Cocke* of *Cossey*, confirmed to *Edmund Mortoft* of *Beston*, a tenement called *Corpustey's*.

By an inquisition taken at *Norwich*, on the death of *Simon Nunne* of *Ringfeld* in *Suffolk*, he was found to die *November* 5, in the 38th of King *Henry* VIII. seized of a capital messuage, called *Wryngeys*, and 48 acres of meadow, pasture, wood and heath here, and in *Crostwick*, and of a messuage, and lands, called *Corpustey's*, and 20 acres and an half of land, held of *Wroxham* manor, *Wrongey* messuages, &c. being held of the hundred of *Taverham* of the King by fealty, and *James* was his son and heir, aged 9 years, by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Guybon*, Esq.

This *James Nunne* of *Beeston*, Gent. confirmed it to *Robert Partridge* of *Fynbarrow Magna*, in *Suffolk*, *March* 30, *A°*. 6th of *Elizabeth*.

Robert Lord *Mallet*, had a lordship of which 2 freemen in this town, and 3 freemen in *Sprouston*, were deprived, who possessed 64 acres of land, and there was a borderer, a carucate, and an acre of meadow valued at 6*s*. the King and the Earl had the soc.[2]

The Lord *Mallet* granted it to *Walter de Cadomo*, with the barony of *Horseford*, of which this lordship was a member, and so always passed with it, to the *Cressies*, *Claverings*, Lord *Dacres*, &c. as may be seen at large in *Horsford*.

Ralph de Beaufoe had 30 acres of land, a carucate of meadow, and a moiety of the church, at the survey, of which a freeman had been deprived, valued at 12*d*.[3]

This *Ralph*, left a daughter and heiress, *Agnes*, who married *Hubert de Rie*, castellan of *Norwich*; a coheiress of this family, *Oliva*, brought it to *John Marshall*, lord marshal of *Ireland*, and by *Hawise*, heiress of that family, it came to *Robert* Lord *Morley*.

The tenths were 2*l*. 4*s*. 6*d*. The temporalities of the prioress of *Carhow* 6*s*. 7*d*.; of *Peterston* priory 7*s*. 2*d*.; of *Horsham* St. *Faith's* priory 3*s*. 6*d*.

The CHURCH was dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and had two medieties, in the patronage of the *Mounteneys*, and both granted by *Robert de*

[2] Terre Roberti Malet.——In Besetuna ii lib. ho'es et in Sprotuna iiii et h'nt. LXiiii ac. tre. et i bord. semp. i car. et i ac. p'ti. et val. vi. sol. Rex et Comes soca.

[3] Terra R. de Bellofago——In Besetuna i lib. ho. xxx ac. tre. tc. i car. p'. et mo. dim. et ii ac. p'ti. dim. eccla. et val. xiid.

Mounteney, son of *Arnold de Monteney*, by fine in the 54th of *Henry* III. to *Geffrey*, prior, and the convent of *Peterston;* this was valued at 5 marks *per ann.* as the other moiety was, but one of them was appropriated, soon after the grant.—*Peter*-pence 10*d. ob. q.*—Carvage 4*d.*

RECTORS.

Roger de Fordon, occurs rector in 1244.

Geffrey, in 1311.

1314, *Robert de Thorpernald*, instituted to a mediety, presented by the prior, &c. of *Peterston.*

1321, *Walter de Kemesay. Ditto.*

1322, *John Poteys.*

1323, *Simon de Hemesby.*

1324, *John Carywen.*

1341, *Robert de Ashle.*

1349, *Robert Baxter.*

1452, *Nicholas Bungey*, a Carme, on the union of *Peterston* priory, to that of *Walsingham;* the Bishop of *Norwich* became patron, and presented now.

1458, *Henry Antingham. Ditto.*

1461, *Andrew Fishman.*

1492, Mr. *Bartholomew Northern*, LL.B.

1493, *John Clerk.*

1521, *John Burman.*

1531, *William Buttrosse.*

1543, *Walter Claxton*, presented by *John Corbet*, Esq. on the 6th of *November*, in the 38th of *Henry* VIII. this *John Corbet* had a grant of the patronage.

1554, *John Thompson*, by the Bishop.

1609, *Leonard Greaves*, by *Thomas Corbet*, Esq.

1611, *Leonard Greaves*, by the King.

1615, *Robert Gallard*, by *Thomas Corbet*, Esq.

1639, *Samuel Gallard*, by Sir *Thomas Corbet*, Knt.

1660, *Richard Ireland*, by *William Adams*, Esq.

1693, *Bambridge Dean*, by Sir *Charles Adams*, Bart. *See in Sprouston.*

In 1740, the heirs of Sir *Lambert Blackwell*, had the patronage.

The present valor of this rectory is 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is discharged.

CATTON.

When the *Book* of *Domesday* was made, *William* the Conqueror had the capital manor of this village, and *William de Noiers* was his steward or bailiff, who took care of it for him, on the deprivation of *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, who held it as a lay fee, and had 13 socmen, with a carucate of land, and 3 borderers, with 3 carucates, paunage for 12 swine: it was one leuca in length, and 5 furlongs in breadth, paid 8*d.* 3 farthings gelt, and was valued with *Thorp.*[4]

It remained in the Crown till King *Henry* I. on *Herbert's* (the Bishop of *Norwich*) foundation of a priory in his cathedral church, granted it to the monks, and it was appropriated to them.[5]

Thomas de Blomvile, Bishop, confirmed to the use of the almoner, 2 parts of the tithes of the demean lands of the priory manor, and 6 acres of land, with a messuage, (for which *Roger*, the priest of *Catton*, paid 3*s. per ann.*) was of the said demean, and not church land.

In 1271, the stock at their grange here was 3 scots, 2 oxen, 7 cows, one steer, and a heifer, 2 calves, a boar, 3 sows, and 12 pigs.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior had the assise, view of frank pledge, with the lete.

In the *Compotus* of *John de Worstead* a monk, in the 2d year of *William de Claxton*, prior, is an account of his charges, for compost and manure, for lands here, and for marling, (as it expressly said,) of one acre and 3 roods of land, by which it is manifest that it was in practice; that in 1327, and in 1373, the steward or bailiff of the manor accounted for 49 hens, at 2*d.* each, for 235 eggs, 3*d.* for 101 days work in harvest, 10*s.* 1*d.* at 1*d.* per day each, also money for chevage.

Their temporalities in 1428 were valued at 102*s.* 10*d. q.*—rent of assise of free and customary tenants, in 1599, 6*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* 3 farthings; perquisites of 2 courts, and the lete, 40*s.*

On the dissolution of the priory, in the reign of *Henry* VIII. it was granted to the dean and prebendaries, who held the lordship at this time.

The Conqueror had, at the survey, a lordship which *Godric* was his bailiff of, held by *Edric*, in King *Edward's* reign, and had been ejected, containing 60 acres, and 2 carucates in this town, (held by 2 freemen) and in *Sprouston.*[6]

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[4] Tre. Stigandi Ep. quas custodit. W. de Noiers, in manu Regis——In Cattuna xiii soc. i car. tre. seq. iii bord. tc. iii car. p' et mo. ii silva, xii porc. et ht. i leug. in long. et v qr. in lat. et viiid. et iii ferdins, de gelto. hoc e in p'tio de Thorp.

[5] Reg. Cath. Norw. 2. fol. 81.——Reg. 4. Ecc. Cath. Norwic.

[6] T'ra Regis quam Godric. servat. ——Hic jacent (viz. in Sprowestuno) ii libi. ho'es in Cattuna lx ac. t're. ii car. p. et mo. i.

This was held by the family of *De Mounteney*, of whom see in *Beeston.*

The Church is dedicated to St. *Margaret*, and was early appropriated to the priory of *Norwich*, and had a vicarage endowed, valued with the rectory at 16 marks. *Peter*-pence 9*d.* carvage 4*d.* and being a manor belonging to the priory, was not visited by the archdeacon, but he had the correction of all in the fee or manor of *Mounteney.*

VICARS.

William died vicar in 1313.
In 1313, *John Harold* was instituted vicar, presented by the prior, &c.
1316, *Robert de Langele.*
1327, *Richard de Hackford.*
Walter de Soterlee, vicar.
1346, *Hugh de Schouldham.*
1347, *William Scrouting.*
1349, *John Heryng.*
1356, *Henry Fert.*
1367, *Edmund Brunhild.*
1393, *Robert Brond.*
1416, *John Walden.*
1417, *Henry Grup.*
1420, *William Collis.*
1420, *William Galyon.*
1424, *Robert Syre.*
1444, *Thomas Bettys.*
1448, *William Doraunt.*
1448, *Henry Patryk*, vicar.
1459, *Jeffrey Hemingsby.*
1461, *Thomas Hanworth.*
John Parker, vicar.
1462, *William Bylt.*
1464, *Edmund Alabaster.*
1476, *Robert Popy.*
1491, *Richard Selthouse.*
1492, *William Stephens.*
1496, *Laurence Aleyn.*
1503, *Jeffrey Parishe.*
1510, *William Calebeck.*
1528, *William Jackson.*
1554, *John Frynde*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1562, *John Maltby*, by the dean and chapter of *Norwich.*
1589, *Robert Layth.*
1598, *William Fugill.*
1666, *John Harwood*, A.M.
1692, *Francis Folchier.*
1715, *Philip Burrows*, died vicar in 1718.
1718, *Gilbert Pickering*, by the dean, &c.

1725, *John Fou*, by the King, a lapse.
James Wittins, vicar, in 1759, on *Fox's* death. *Ditto.*

The present valor is 4*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* *ob.* and is discharged.

The church has a nave, and a north isle covered with lead, and a chancel tiled; at the west end a round tower, with 3 bells, raised octangular at the top.

At the east end of the chancel, against the north wall, on a mural monument of marble,

Exuvijs terrenis hic juxta positis, suis flebilis, superis spectabilis, et æterna nitidus juventa, æthereas penna præpete, scandit domos Gulielmus ille Corius, armiger, e generosa Coriorum prosapia oriundus, vir magnis natus, nisi ad majora anhelasset, quippe terris concreditum cæli reposcunt, nec quicquam heu! pignori opponunt. Fuit, dum noster fuit, juris consultus peritissimus (O rara copula) et integerrimus in Deum, D. principi fidelis, ingenio felix, affatu mollis. Suavitate morum conditus, probitate incoctus. Et (ut semel dicam ad aras, usq; amicus. Ast animæ effractis demum repagulis) non vagula, nec blandula, sed Dei princeps in patriam tam post liminio receptæ, nihil uspiam audit nisi lætum euge: nihil sonat, nihil spirat nisi Hallelujah. Cui ut aliquando luscinia lector, nunc, nunc dum tempus est, accine. Obit ix *calend. Januar. Ao. Xti.* M.D.C.LXXXV. *In cujus memoriam singultim hoc posuit conjux (O si licuisset) conjunctissima, Judith Corie.*

On the summit of it are these arms, quarterly, in the first and 4th *sable*, on a chevron between three griffins heads erased, *or*, as many mullets, *gules*, impaling in the 2d and 3d, per pale, *argent* and *sable*, an unicorn passant, between three cross crosslets, counterchanged, impaling, *argent*, three castles.

On the east window,

Reverendus in Christo Pater Robertus Bronde, prior Norwicensis, ecclesie me vitriari fecit, Ao. Christi, 1528.

Here was his effigies, kneeling, holding in his hand a mitre, and a crosier, resting on his shoulder, *or*, with his arms; *gules*, a lynx, *argent*, spotted, *sable*, between three annulets, *argent*, on a chief, *or*, a pale, *azure*, thereon a mitre of the 4th between two cinquefoils pierced, of the 2d. This prior is sometimes called *Robert de Catton.*

On a gravestone,

Depositum Johs. Blanks, Gen. obt. 10, *Apr.* 1681, *ætat.* 57.

In the north isle, one for

Andrew Brereton, Gent. died May 15, 1703.
Orate p. a'i'ab; Johs. Keton, Sen. et Margarete uxoris ej;
Pray for the soule of John Brond and Agnes his wife, he died Janu. 26, 1542.

This *John* and *Agnes* were the parents of Prior *Robert Bronde.*

In the middle isle,

Corpus Gulielmi Bushys, Gener. hic jacet, obt. Octob. 6, 1673.

In the north isle was the chapel of our Lady. *John de Katton* and *Margaret* his wife, abovementioned, buried here, he died in 1458; his father, *John*, also buried here.

See *Catton* in *Blofield* hundred; *Cat* is the name of a river; thus *Catwick* in *Yorkshire, Catworth* in *Huntingdonshire, Catter* in *Rutland*, &c.

DRAYTON.

RALPH DE BEAUFOE had a grant of this town, of which *Aldulf*, a freeman, was deprived; and *Odar*, at the survey held it under; 2 carucates belonged to it, with 7 villains and 8 borderers, and 3 servi, one carucate in demean, and 3 among the tenants, &c. with 10 acres of meadow, paunage for 3 swine, one runcus, 2 cows, &c. 180 sheep, and 60 goats. Two socmen had half a carucate, and there was a church endowed with 8 acres, valued at 16*d*. In King *Edward* the First's time, the whole was valued at 40*s*. at the survey at 50*s*.; it was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 8*d*. 3 farthings gelt; the King and the Earl had the soc.[7]

Of this *Ralph de Beaufoe*, see in *Swanton-Morley*. *Hermer de Draiton* was lord of this town in the 9th of *Richard* I. and presented then his son, *Peter*, to this church.

The *Draytons* probably descended from *Odarus* abovementioned; from the *Draitons* it came to the *Bellomonts*. *William de Bellomont* was living in the 4th of King *John*, and witness to the foundation deed of *Mountjoy* priory, in that reign, and was father of *William*, by *Alice* his wife, daughter and coheir (as I take it) of *William de Draiton*, which *Alice* married first, *Gervase de Bradfield*, who was lord in the 14th of *Henry* III.

Geffrey de Bellomonte claimed in the 3d of *Edward* I. the assise, free warren, gallows, &c. this lordship being part of the barony of *Rye*: he married *Cecilia*, daughter of *Robert de Ferrarijs*.

In the 15th of this King, the said *Geffrey*, *John de Crek*, and *Ralph Berners*, brought a writ of right against the abbot of *Bury*, for the lordships of *Semere*, *Groten*, &c. in *Suffolk*, on which a duel was fought, and the abbot's champion was overcome.

Their claim was from *Nesta de Cockfeld*, who dying *s. p.* her three aunts were found to be her heirs; *Alice*, married to *William de*

[7] Terra R. de Bellofago.——Draituna tenuit Adulph lib. ho. T.R.E. ii car. t're. mo. tenet Odarus sep. vii villi et viii bor. tc iii ser. sep. i car. in d'nio. et iii car. ho'um et i car. posset restaurari et x ac. p'ti. silva iii por. et i r. et ii an xiiii por. tc. clxxx ovs. mo. lx. tc. lx cap. et ii soc. xxii ac. t're. tc. dim. car. i ecclia viii ac. et val. xvid. tc. val. xl sol. mo. l et ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lato et viiid. iii ferdings de gelto. Rex et Comes soca.

Bellomonte; ————, to *Robert de Crek,* and *Beatrix,* to *Ralph Berner.* *Godfrey* dying *s. p.* in the 21st of the said King, lord of *Assington, Trimley,* the 3d part of *Semere* and *Groten,* and of *Bokebroke* in *Suffolk,* &c. Sir *John de Bellomonte* was found to be his brother and heir, who was lord in the 25th of that reign, and left by *Alice* his wife, a son and heir, *Richard de Bellomonte,* who was lord in the 27th: but in the 33d, *Alice,* widow of Sir *John,* conveyed this lordship to *Walter de Langton* Bishop of *Litchfield* and *Coventry,* (her interest herein for life being excepted,) as did her son *Richard* by fine, for 100*l.*

On the death of this prelate, in the 15th of *Edward* II. it was found that he held this lordship, and that of *Taverham,* of the honour of *Hokering,* by 2 fees, paying 7*s.* 6*d. per ann.* and valued at 20*l.* 11*s. per ann.*

Richard de Rodney, escheator on this side of *Trent,* gave account of the issues of this, and others his lordships.

Among the many that he possessed, I find also those of *Wendy, Everton,* and *Coldham* in *Cambridgeshire;*—*Carleby* in *Lincolnshire; Grene* and *Chetwin* in *Shropshire;*—*Ashley* and *Botleagh* in *Northamptonshire;*—*Overton* and *Offord Daneys* in *Huntingdonshire;*—*Edworth* in *Bedfordshire,* and *Stretton* in *Staffordshire.*

The generality of historians assert that he was born at *West Langton* in *Leicestershire.*

I have seen an old pedigree, wherein he is said to have descended from ———— *de Langton,* who had lands at *Eversden* in *Cambridgeshire,* who married *Wymara,* daughter of *Hugh de Berners,* (who lived in the time of the Conqueror) and had by her *Stephen de Langton,* who was father of *Simon de Langton,* Archdeacon of *Canterbury,* of *Stephen de Langton,* Archbishop of *Canterbury,* and cardinal in the reign of King *John,* and of *Roger de Langton,* which *Roger* was father of *Robert de Langton,* of *Eversdon,* and from whom descended this *Walter* Bishop of *Litchfield,* who was his grandson.

Edmund, son of Sir *Robert Peverell,* of *Castle Ashby* in *Northamptonshire,* by *Alice* his wife, sister to the Bishop, was his cousin and heir, aged 14, at his uncle's death.

By the escheat rolls, in the 5th of *Edward* III. *Edmund* was found to die seized of this manor, containing 312 acres of land, 8 of meadow, 2 parts of a windmill, and *John* was his son and heir, by *Elizabeth* his wife, who dying *s. p. Margaret* his sister and heir, brought it by marriage, to Sir *William de la Pole,* son and heir of Sir *Richard,* by *Hellen* his wife, and Sir *John* was his son and heir.

Sir *William* and *Margaret* his wife, held this lordship, with those of *Aspale, Debenham, Grimston, Trimley,* and *Assington,* in *Suffolk,* in the 26th of *Edward* III. and in the said year, settled on Sir *William* his uncle, 4 marks annuity, out of this lordship, and that of *Creshale* in *Essex;* and in the 36th on Sir *John Mowbray,* the manor of *Ashby-Davy,* in *Northamptonshire,* and on *John* Lord *Cobham,* an annuity out of his manors of *Sything* in *Norfolk,* and of *Grimston* in *Suffolk.*

In the said year there was an agreement between him and the said lord, that his son, *John,* should marry *Joan,* daughter and heir of the Lord *Cobham,* and that he would settle in lands or rents 100*l. per ann.* on them.

On this marriage, he settled also the lordship of *Potton* and *Alvichesey* in *Bedfordshire, Westhall,* and *Fulbrook* in *Oxfordshire.*

Sir *John de la Pole,* by this Lady *Joan,* had a daughter and heir, *Joan,* who appears to have had several husbands.

In the 3d of *Richard* II. she was the wife of Sir *Robert Hemenhale;* in the 3d of *Henry* IV. of Sir *Reginald Braybrook;* and in the 9th of that King, of Sir *Nicholas Hawbeke,* and of Sir *John Oldcastle,* in the first of *Henry* V.

By Sir *Reginald* she had a daughter and heir, *Joan,* baroness of *Cobham,* who married Sir *Thomas Brook,* Knt. and was father of Sir *Edward Brook* Lord *Cobham.*

But part of this lordship was alienated probably about the end of *Edward* III. by Sir *John de la Pole,* in the 19th of *Richard* II. *John Gourney,* and *Alice* his wife, conveying it, with the advowson, to *John Winter* and his heirs, by fine, which *Joan,* wife of Sir *John de Seaton,* held for life; yet in 1398, and 1491, *John Gurnay* presented (as lord) to this church.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. he held 2 fees here, and in *Taverham,* late *John Spring's,* of the barony of *Rye.*

After this, Sir *John Fastolf* possessed it, and died lord in the 38th of *Henry* VI.

John Paston, Esq. and *Thomas Howys,* chaplain, who were executors and trustees of Sir *John,* presented in 1460.

Richard Selling, Esq. and *Alice* his wife, conveyed it by fine in the 11th of *Henry* VI. to Sir *John Fastolf.*

John de la Pole Duke of *Suffolk* was lord in 1480, and presented. In this family it continued, till forfeited to the Crown, on the death of *Edmund de la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk,* who was beheaded in 1513, *April* 30, though his widow had an interest in it for life, and was granted by King *Henry* VIII. to his great favourite, *Charles Brandon,* created Duke of *Suffolk,* on whose death, escheating to the Crown, it was granted *April* 11, in the 4th of *Edward* VI. to *Thomas Thirlby* Bishop of *Norwich,* and his successours; the Bishop of *Norwich* being the present lord and patron.

The tenths were 40*s.* deducted 0.

The Church is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Margaret,* and a single pile, covered with lead, a chancel covered with tile; at the west end a square tower with 3 bells.

The ancient valor was eleven marks. *Peter*-pence, 16*d. ob.* carvage 4*d.* The present valor is 6*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* and is discharged. The prior of St. *Faith's* had a portion of tithe valued at 3*s.*

RECTORS.

Peter occurs rector in the 9th of *Richard* I. presented by his father, *Hermer de Draiton.*

Jeffrey rector in 1260.

1307, *Richard de Bellomonte,* or *Beaumont,* by *Walter de Langton,* Bishop of *Litchfield,* &c.

1311, *William de Hoo*, by the King, on account of the lands of the Bishop, then in the King's hands.

1318, *Roger de Kimberley*, by the Bishop of *Litchfield*.

1335, *Edmund de Benhale*, by the Lady *Elizabeth Peverell*.

1346, *William de Drayton*. *Ditto*.

Reve, occurs rector in 1384.

1386, *John Mackeray*, by Sir *Thomas Latimer*, and *John Dautre*, clerk, attorneys of Sir *John Peyton*.

1398, *John Jacomb*, by *John Gornay*.

1401, *William Dalman*. *Ditto*.

John Oter, rector.

1460, *John Bullock*, by *John Paston*, Esq. and *Thomas Howys*, chaplain.

1461, *John Flowerdew*. *Ditto*.

Robert Thorne, rector.

1480, *Thomas Ayscheby*, by *John* Duke of *Suffolk*.

1501, *John Wills*, by *Margaret de la Pole* Countess of *Lincoln*.

1503, *Robert Blyth*. *Ditto*.

1531, *David Mole*. *Ditto*.

John Blomevile, rector.

1559, *John Pomell*, by the Bishop's vicar general.

1576, *John Staller*, by *John Staller*, citizen of *Norwich*.

1583, *John Staller*, by the Queen.

1617, *John Tayler*, by the Bishop.

1623, *Thomas Higgins*, by the King, a lapse.

1640, *William Eaton*, by the Bishop.

1662, *William Hawkins*, *D.D.* prebendary of *Norwich*.

1669, *Samuel Chapman*.

Nath. Whalley, rector.

1671, *John Beale*.

1676, *Thomas Schambler*.

1697, *William Whiston*.

1698, *Richard Laughton*.

1699, *Samuel Clerk*.

1706, *John Clerk*.

1714, *John Jeffreys*, (died rector 1755) collated by the Bishop.

1755, *William Jackson*. *Ditto*.

Here was the guild of St. *Margaret*.

In the chancel a gravestone,

In memory of Barbara, eldest daughter of Thomas Jegon, D.D. master of Corpus Christi college, in Cambridge, arch-deacon and prebendary of Norwich, wife of John Tayler rector of this church, who departed, &c. July 25, 1652.

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For Anne, wife of Thomas Higgons, rector, by whom he had 3 *sons, &c. she died* 28*th April*, 1635.

Orate p. a'ia Ludovicj Skerning.

In a window, *or*, a cross, *gules*, fretty *argent*.

On the pedestal of the cross in this town, is an inscription in *French*, now through time almost quite defaced, setting forth a pardon to all who would pray for the souls of *William de Bellomonte* and *Joan* his wife:

Vous che prie pur l'am William de Bellomont, ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ *Johanne sa femme,* ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ *Pater Nr* ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ *Ave Maria,* ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ *de pardona avera.*

FELTHORP.

Several lords at the survey had an interest in this village, but the principal tenure belonged to *Alan*, the great Earl of *Richmond*, who held 88 acres of land, 2 carucates and 3 acres of meadow, possessed before the Conquest by 20 freemen, (and valued in *Alan's* great lordship of *Cossey*,) with paunage for 12 swine. The soc was in the King and the Earl, and it was 10 furlongs long, and 5 broad, and paid 8*d*. *ob*. gelt.[8]

In the 10th of King *Richard* I. *William de Huntingfeld* with *Isabel* his wife, and *William Breton*, conveyed to *William Battail*, by fine,[9] before *R*. (*Richard Barre*) arch-deacon of *Ely*, *William de Warr*, &c. justices of the King, 60 acres of land here, in *Alderford*, and *Swanington*, with the advowson of the churches of the said 3 towns, and *William Battail* in the 3d of *Henry* III. conveyed lands here to *Baldric de Taverham*.

John Whytfoot and *Margaret* his wife held in the 7th of *Edward* III. as appears by a fine, a messuage, 150 acres of land, 4 of meadow, with 20*s*. rent *per ann*. in *Felthorp*, *Taverham*, *Drayton*, *Attlebrigg*, &c. and in the 5th part of 200 acres of heath in the said towns.

In the 40th of the said King, *John de Middleton* and *Mary* his wife, *Baldric de Taverham* and *Margaret* his wife, (she was a daughter and coheir of *John Whytfoot*,) surrendered by fine to *Roger Russell*, 3 messuages and lands here, and in *Taverham*, from the heirs of *Mary* and *Margaret*, probably two sisters and coheirs.

The *Russels* were a family in this town.

William Russell was living in the time of *Henry* III. *Baldric de Taverham* sold lands to *Jeffrey Russell* in the 33d of *Edward* III. and *John de Russell*, and *Roger* his son, lived in the 9th of *Edward* II. and the *Russells* gave name to a manor.

Afterwards Sir *Henry Inglos* possessed it in the reign of *Henry* VI.

[8] Terre Alanj Comitis——In Felethorp, LXXX et viii ac. tre. et xx lib. ho'e sep. ii car. et iii ac. p'ti. silva xii porc. et e' in p'tio de Costeseia, soca Regis et comitis et ht. x qr. in long. et v in lat. et reddit viiid. et obolu' in gelto.

[9] Reg. 2 Eccles. Norw. fol. 7.

and his son *Robert*, in the 1st of *Edward* VI. *Thomas Halse* and *Mary* his wife, sold the manor of *Russells*, with lands, and a foldcourse to *Henry Ward* and *Margaret* his wife.

Thomas Hopkins, Gent. conveyed it to *Henry Riches*, Esq. about 1572.

Ralph de Beaufoe had 43 acres of land, of which 3 freemen were deprived, valued at 2*s.* and *Richard* held it under him; the King and the Earl had the soc.[1]

Ralph's lordship of *Drayton* extended into this, held by the *Bellomonts*, &c. and after by the *De la Poles*, and *Brandon* Duke of *Suffolk*, on whose death, being in the Crown, was granted (as in *Drayton*) to the see of *Norwich*, and so continues.

Walter Giffard possessed a carucate and 30 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, valued at 8*s.* of which a freeman was deprived; the King and the Earl had the soc of the whole town, in King *Edward's* reign, but at the survey it was in *Walter*.[2]

Attlebridge, and this town belonged to him, this being as a part of *Attlebrigg*, and together were one leuca long, and 3 furlongs broad, and paid 8*d.* ¾ gelt: *See Giffard's manor in Attleburgh.*

The Conqueror had also 100 acres of land, which 4 freemen held before the Conquest; 7 borderers belonged to it, with 2 carucates and 5 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 10*s.* the King and the Earl had the soc.[3]

The King soon after granted this to *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*, and from that family it came to the Earls of *Clare*.

The families of *De Gyney*, *De Bilney*, and *Whitwell* held considerable lands here of the Earls of *Clare*.

Sir *Roger de Bilney*, aliened to the prior of *Montjoy*, in *Heverland*, 30 acres of heath, and as many of land here, in the 8th of *Edward* II. and about the said time, *Thomas de Whitwell*, rector of this church, gave all his lands, rents and services, with a foldcourse and heath here, to the said priory, for a yearly pension, and for the souls of his father *Richard* and *Alice* his mother.

The tenths were 20*s.*—Temporalities of *Bromholm* priory 12*d.*—of St. *Faith's* 11*s.*—of *Ryegate* in *Surry* 6*s.* 8*d.*—of *Montjoy* 5*s.* 5*d.*

The Church is a rectory dedicated to St. *Margaret*.

William Battail was patron in the 10th of *Richard* I. valued at 6 marks, paid *Peter*-pence 12*d.* *ob.* and carvage 3*d.* in the reign of *Edward* I.

The present valor is 4*l.* and is discharged, the patronage is in the see of *Norwich*.

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[1] Terra R. de Bellofaga——In Felethorp, tenet Ricard iii lib'os ho'es xLiii ac. tre. et val. ii sol. Rex et Comes soca.

[2] Terre Walterj Giffardi————In Felethorp. i lib. ho. xxx ac. tre. tc' i car. p'. et mo. dim. ii ac. p'ti. et val. viii sol. Rex et Comes de toto soca' T.R.E. et mo. ea' ht. Galt.——Tota Attebruge ht. i leug. in long. et iii quar. in lat. et viiid. et iii ferdings de gelto.

[3] Terra Regis——In Felethorp iiii lib. ho'es c ac. tre. sep. vii bor. et ii car. et v ac. p'ti. silva iiii por. et val. x sol. Rex. et Comes soca.

RECTORS.

John, son of *Steingrein*, occurs rector in the reign of *Henry* I.
Heymer de Attlebrigg, rector.
Thomas de Wytewell occurs rector in the 8th of *Edward* II.
1321, *Edmund de Repps*, presented by the prior of *Weybridge*; in the 11th of *Edward* II. the prior had a patent to purchase of *William Battail*, 3 acres of land here and the advowson of this church, and for 12 acres of land in *Clipsby*, *Ouby*, and *Burgh* in *Flegg* hundred, for a chantry in this church.
1330, *William de Ringland. Ditto.*
1342, *William de Aldeby.*
1346, *Peter de Reynham.*
1347, *Robert de Thymelthorp.*
1349, *Jeff. Attefen.*
1349, *Thomas Strange.*
1349, *William Wyger.*
1356, *Jeff. Davy.*
1389, *John Leman.*
1393, *Ralph Atte Hethe.*
1395, *John de Holbech.*
1395, *John Kensale.*
1418, *William Smith.*
1422, *Bartholomew Colete.*
1422, *Thomas Beket.*
1433, *John Ederych*, by *Henry Sturmer*, *Henry Lesingham*, and *John Middleton.*
1443, *John Rugge*, by *John Bertram.*
1448, *Thomas Bettys*, by *William Copuldike*, Gent.
Thomas Hakon. rector.
1481, *Christopher Brown*, by *John Palmer*, &c.
1482, *John Goodale*, by *John De la Pool*, Earl of *Lincoln.*
1514, *William Curlew*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1525, *Ed. Covell*, by *Margaret*, Countess of *Lincoln.*
1551, *Thomas Sall*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1557, *Robert Sall*, by the Bishop.

On the death of *Edmund de la Pool* Earl of *Suffolk*, it was forfeited, and came to the Crown, and King *Henry* granted it to *Charles Brandon* Duke of *Suffolk*, and being again on his death in the Crown, King *Edward* VI. granted it *April* 11, in his fourth year to the see of *Norwich.*

1562, *William Gladwyn*, by the Bishop.
1572, *Edward Read.*
1578, *William Flegg.*
1593, *Edward Roberts.*
1621, *Thomas Kinching.*
1662, *Samuel Conant.*
1665, *Henry Dickenson.*
1667, *John Pitts.*
1689, *Nath. Nobbs.*
Step. Norris, by the Bishop, rector in 1742.

1749, *John Molden*, by the King, on the death of *Norris.*

Here was St. *Margaret's* guild, and St. *Catherine's* tabernacle.

The church has 2 isles, a square tower, with 2 bells, and a chancel thatched, where is a grave-stone.

In memory of William Brereton, Gent. who died December 31, 1697, and these arms, *argent*, two bars *sable.*

FRETENHAM.

FRETENHAM MANOR.

Roger, of *Poictiers* in *France*, had the grant of this town, of which *Edric*, a freeman was deprived, containing 4 carucates of land; 18 villains, and 12 borderers belonged to it then, with 2 carucates, and there were 8 carucates among the tenants, 6 acres of meadow, paunage for 60 swine, and there were 4 tenants, with half a carucate of land, and a carucate and an acre of meadow, one cow, &c. 200 sheep, valued at 4*l.* then, but at the survey at 8*l.* was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 15*d.* gelt.[4]

This *Roger* was third son of *Roger de Montgomery*, a *Norman*, Earl of *Montgomery*, who attended the Conqueror into *England*, and commanded the centre of the van of his army in the battle of *Hastings*, and by *Mabel* his first wife, daughter and heir of *William Talvace*, son of *William*, son of *Ivo de Bellesme*, had three sons; 1st, *Robert de Belesme*, who inherited his father's and mother's estates in *Normandy*; 2d, *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel* and *Shrewsbury*, as his father had been; 3d, *Roger* of *Poictiers*, created Earl of *Lancaster*; 4th, *Philip*, a priest, and 5th, *Arnulph*, Earl (as said) of *Pembrokeshire.* Also 4 daughters; 1st, *Emme*, abbess of *Almanisca*; 2d, *Maud*, married to *Robert* Earl of *Moreton*; 3d, *Mabel*, to *Hugh de Novo Castello*; and *Sibil*, the 4th, to *Robert Fitz Hamon*, lord of *Corboil* in *Normandy.*

Roger de Montgomery, the father, was son of *Hugh de Montgomery*, by *Jocelina*, daughter of *Turolf* of *Pont Andomare* and *Weva* his wife, sister of *Gunnora*, Dutchess of *Normandy*, great grandmother to *William* the Conqueror.

Roger of *Poictiers* Earl of *Lancaster* had, besides this town, the lordships of *Heynford*, *Spixworth*, *Crostwick*, and *Maidenston* in this hundred of *Taverham*;—*Cowlteshall* in *South Erpingham* hundred;—

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[4] Terre que fuer. Rogeri Pictavensis —— Fretham tenuit Edric. lib. ho. T.R.E. p. iiii car. tre. sep. xviii vill. et xii bor. tc. et p' ii car. mo. i tc. viii car. hom. p'. vi mo. v et vi ac. p'ti. silv. LX. por. et iiii hoes dim. car. tre. sep. i car. et i p'ti. tc. i an. tc. xxvi por. mo. xxiiii cc ov. mo. ii ov. tc. val. iiii lib. mo. viii et ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et xvd. de gelto.

Tunstade, Hofton, Riston, and *Westwick* in *Tunstede* hundred, in *Norfolk;* but rebelling against King *Henry* I. and taking part with his brother *Robert* Duke of *Normandy,* he was deprived of all his estates and earldom in *England.*

Robert Bertram[5] was afterwards lord of this town, and a *Norman,* but taking part with the *French* King, against King *John,* the said King in his sixth year, granted it to *Peter de Nerford,* who being accused of making great waste therein, the King reassumed it, and gave it *Roger le Poure,* at the request of *Robert Fitz Roger,* lord of *Horseford,* to be held at the King's will; and on his death, *Robert le Poure,* his son and heir, possessed it, and had a grant of freewarren in the 51st of *Henry* III. but in the following year conveyed it by fine to *Thomas,* son of *William Bardolf,* with the advowson of the church, who granted to *Robert,* an annuity of 20 marks for life, with a clause of distress in his manors of *Spixworth* and *West Winch.*

This *Thomas,* in the 15th of *Edward* I. claimed free-warren, the assise and view of frank pledge, and in the 18th of that King was impleaded by *John,*[6] the son of master *Robert de Redmere, Thomas* having view of frankpledge, and *John* having lands, in the town, and not appearing in his lete, or tithing, he had distrained *John's* oxen, who pleaded that he was a clerk, and a scholar, and that no clerks, or scholars, ought to be put into the tithing against their consent in any lete, and produced the Bishop of *Norwich,* and the chancellor of the University's letter, to testify the same; so that judgment was given against the lord of the leet, and that a clerk need not appear at the leet, without his presence was particularly necessary, and the oxen were restored to *John.*

In the 6th of *Edward* II. a fine was levied between *John Bardolf* and *Christian* his wife, querents, and *Joan,* daughter of *Thomas Bardolf* of *Spixworth,* deforciant, of this lordship and advowson, which *Cecilia,* widow of the said *Thomas,* held for life, of the honour of *Lancaster,* by one fee, and 10*s. per ann.* and in the 13th of *Edward* III. it was settled on *John Bardolf* and *Christian* his wife in tail, by *Hubert,* parson of *Spixworth,* and *John,* parson of *Racketh;* and the heirs of *Thomas Bardolf,* held it in the 4th of *Henry* IV.; who those heirs were, is not mentioned; but in the reign of *Edward* IV. *John Skerning* and *Margaret* his wife: *John Thurlewind, Joan Burdon, John Burdon* and *Cecilia* his wife, conveyed it with lands in *Horstede, Crostwick, Below,* &c. to *John Winter,* Esq. *See in Spixworth.*

By the will of *John Briggs,* Esq. dated at *Salle, May* 21, 1494, it appears that he died seized of it, and devised it to his wife *Margaret,* for life, after to Sir *Henry Heydon,* on his payment of 400 marks to his executors, and in the 15th of *Henry* VII. *Edmund Paston* and *Margaret,* late wife of *Thomas Briggs,* granted it by fine, with the advowson and warranty against the heirs of *Margaret,* to Sir *Robert Clere,* and Sir *Robert Drury.*

Sir *Anthony Heveningham* was lord in the 1st of *Edward* VI. and patron, and *Mary,* his widow, who married *Phil. Appleyard,* Esq. died possessed of it, *December* 12, in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary,* and *Arthur Heveningham,* her son, inherited it, and Sir *Arthur* sold it with the advowson to *Thomas Peck,* Esq. alderman, and mayor of *Norwich* in 1586.

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[5] This Robert was a benefactor to the abbey of Caen, in Normandy. See Neust Pia, p. 633.

[6] Plita de Banco. Rot. 19, et 156.

Thomas Peck, Esq. was lord in 1640, son and heir of *William Peck,* who died in 1634.

In 1688, the Earl of *Yarmouth* was lord, and in 1700; and *Harbord Harbord,* Esq. in 1740, was lord and patron, in which family it remains.

The tenths were *3l.* 10*s.*—Deducted 22*s.*—Temporalities of St. *Faith's* priory 18*d.*

The sheriff's turn for the hundred was kept on *Fretenham* hill.

MAIDESTON

Was a village adjoining to, and a beruite of *Fretenham,* or *Heynford. Roger* of *Poictiers* was lord of it, and *Albert* was lord before the Conquest; one carucate of land belonged to it, 2 villains, with a carucate, a mill, valued at 30*s.* but at the survey at nothing, probably accounted for in *Fretenham,* or *Heynford,* and it was 3 furlongs long, and 3 broad.[7]

Robert, son of *Charles,* grants by fine this manor, in the 3d of *Edward* I. to *Thomas Charles* and *Joan* his wife in tail.

Thomas Charles was lord of *Meydington,* (called after *Moyton-Hall,*) in the 3d of *Edward* I. with view of frank pledge, free-warren, a tumbrel, &c. a fair and a weekly mercate on *Friday.*

In the sixth of that King it was found that *Walter de Kam,* a long time before his death, had enfeoffed *William Charles* of a messuage, 70 acres of land, an acre and half of meadow, and 20*s.* rent *per ann.* in *Fretenham* and *Maindenton,* so that *Thomas Charles* and *Joan* his wife, who were impleaded by *John de Oketon* and *Alice* his wife, were amerced; and in the 27th of the said King, he impleaded *Thomas de Wardon,* parson of *Fretenham,* &c. for entering on his free-warren, and destroying and taking his hares, partridges, &c. to the damage of 20*l.*

In the 17th of *Edward* III. *John de St. Maur,* conveyed to Sir *John Wingfield,* by fine, this lordship which *Thomas Atte Church* held for the life of *Catherine* his wife.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. Sir *John White* of *Shotesham* was lord of *Mayton-Hall* in *Fretenham,* held by a quarter of a fee of the honour of *Lancaster,* late St. *Maurs.*

Sir *John,* gave it to *John White,* Esq. his son, by his second wife

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[7] Terre que fuer. Rogeri Pictaviensis ——In Maidestuna ten. Albt. icar. tre. b'uta huic manerio, semp. ii vill. et i mol. et p'. i car. et val. xxx sol. mo. nichil, et ht. iii qr. in long. et iii in lat.

Joan, or *Julian*, daughter of *Peter Hovel*, Esq. of *Swannington:* this *John*, with *Alice* his wife, daughter and heiress of *Robert Burnham* of *Lynn*, are interred in *Fretenham* church.

Margaret, their daughter and heiress, brought it by marriage to *Giles St. Lowe*, Esq. she dying on the 24th of *December*, 1435, was buried by them.

In the first year of King *Edward* IV. on *February* 24, Sir *John Howard*, Kt. (afterwards duke of *Norfolk*) had a grant of this lordship, called *Meyton-Hall*, late *Giles Saintlow's*, of *London*, attainted;—of *Hereford-Hall*, late *Thomas Daniel's*, of *Rising*, in *Norfolk*;—of the manors of *Layham* and *Whersted* in *Suffolk*;—*Smitheton-Hall* in *Essex*;—*Dantlesby*, and *Devilishe* in *Dorsetshire*, lately belonging to *James*, Earl of *Wiltshire*, and Sir *Nicholas Latimer* attainted.

But this grant was soon after (as far as it related to this lordship) recalled, for it appears, that *Giles* left by *Margaret* his wife, one daughter, *Elizabeth*, married to *Henry Statham*, Esq. who died in 1481, and left *Joan* their daughter and sole heir, married to *John Sacheverell*, and Sir *Henry Sacheverell* conveyed it by fine, in the 18th of *Henry* VIII. to Sir *John Shelton*, &c. But yet the *Whites* of *Shotesham* had some interest herein.

Edmund White, Esq. who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Thomas Froximere* of *Bromesthorp* in *Norfolk*, died seized of it, in 1521, leaving *George* his son and heir, who was an ideot, and died *s. p.* in 1546, and this manor, &c. was settled by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, his guardian, on *Edmund White*, Esq. his uncle, who died in 1538, so that on *George's* death it came to *Edward White*, son of *Edmund*, who died single in 1558, and his inheritance descended to his sister *Anne*, the wife of *Henry Doyley* of *Pondhall* in *Suffolk*, Esq. who had livery of it in the said year.

In the 18th of *James* I. *Thomas Blofield*, Gent. and *Edward Coke*, Gent. had a præcipe to deliver it to Sir *John Heveningham*, Sir *Thomas Holland*, *Edward Paston*, Esq. &c.

The Earl of *Yarmouth* was lord in 1700, and *Harbord Harbord*, Esq. in 1740.

The Church of *Fretenham* is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Swithin*, the ancient valor was 26 marks.—*Peter*-pence 16*d*.—Carvage 5*d*. *ob*. and the abbey of St. *Martin* of *Sees*, or *de Sez*, in *Normandy*, of the *Benedictine* order, founded by *Roger de Montgomery* Earl of *Shrewsbury*, and father *Roger* of *Poictiers*, lord of this manor, and patron, had a portion of 5*s*.

RECTORS.

Thomas de Wardon occurs rector in the 28th of *Edward* I.

1308, Mr. *Walter de Pickeryng*, by *Matt. de Reedham*.

1308, *Thomas Falstolf*, presented by Sir *Thomas Bardolf*.

1343, *Peter de Felthorp*, by *Cecilia*, relict of Sir *Thomas Bardolf*.

1343, *Roger de Felthorp*.

1354, *John de Cressingham*, by *John Bateman*, guardian of *Thomas*, son and heir of *John Bardolf* of *Spikesworth*.

1358, *Henry de Blacktoft*. *Ditto*.

1372, Mr. *William de Swynflet*, by *Thomas Bardolf.*
1384, *John Aleym*, by *William Essex.*
Richard Woddes, rector about 1600.
1620, *Thomas Child*, compounded *November* 28, for first-fuits, &c.
Henry Dickenson, rector in 1667.
Jos. Alanson, died rector in 1736.
1736, *William Berney*, by *Robert Britiff*, Esq.
1764, Mr. ------ *Carthew*, by Sir *William Harbord*, Bart. lord and patron.

The present valor is 10*l.* and pays first-fruits and tenths.

On a gravestone in the chancel, with a brass plate,

O Chryst Jesu pitie and mercy have
On Alys Burnham that whylom was the wyff,
Of Gylys Thorndon which lyeth here in grave.
And her defend from warre of fendy's stryff,
Make her partable of eternall lyff.
By the merits of thy passion,
Which with thy bloud madest our redemption.

On another adjoining,

Hic jacet Margareta filia Joh. Whyte, filij secundj Joh. Whyte, militis, uxor. Ægidij Seyntlowe, Arm et D'na de Mayton, filia Alice, filie et heredis Robtj Burnham de Lynne, et uxor Joh. Whyte 2di. p' dicti, et obijt in vigilia natalis D'nj. A°. D'nj. 1435.

On the stone these arms, *argent*, a chevron between three nails, *gules, St. Low*, impaling, *gules*, a chevron, between three boars heads couped, *argent, White.*

In the chancel windows were *azure*, three cinquefoils, *or*, Lord *Bardolf;* and *gules*, three cinquefoils, *argent, Bardolf* of *Spixworth, or* saltire, *sable, Felthorp.*

CROSTWICK.

Roger of *Povictiers* had also a lordship here, held in the reign of the Confessor, by 6 freemen, who had a carucate of land; afterwards 2 carucates belonged to it, but at the survey half a one, of these freemen *Stigand* the archbishop, had the soc belonging to his lordship, 60 sheep, 4 cows, at the survey none; also 20 goats: it was 4 furlongs broad, and half a furlong long, paid 10*d.* gelt, and valued in *Heynford.*[8]

This lordship seems to be held by the same lords, as that of *Fretenham,* and to have passed from *Bertram,* &c. to *Roger le Poure,* and *Bardolf,* &c.

Ralph de Beaufoe had a grant of half a carucate of land, possessed in King *Edward's* time by 6 freemen, who had 3 borderers with 2 carucates, valued then at 30*s.* at the survey at 45*s.* 4*d.* the King and the Earl had the soc, but *Ralph* now possessed it; this was valued in *Wroxham.*[9]

Nicholas Rydel settled on *William* his son, 24 messuages, 2 mills, 200 acres of land, 12 of meadow, and 48*s.* rent here, in *Wroxham, Felthorp, Raketh,* &c. held of the honour of *Rye,* and *William,* his son, was lord in the ninth year of *Edward* II.

The tenths were 1*l.* 4*s.*; the temporalities of the abbey of *Cuen* in *Normandy* were 2*s.*; of *Carrow* priory 53*s.* 1*d.*

In 1335, the prioress had license to receive in mortmain lands here, &c. which were purchased of *John de Hecham,* held of the prioress's manor of *Wroxham. See there.*

Margery de Cheyney granted a manor, to the nuns of *Carrow,* and the prioress was found to hold it of *Robert Fitz Roger,* after of the Lord *Morley,* as parcel of the barony of *Rye* in the 3d of *Henry* IV.; at the Dissolution it was granted to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk, May* 9, in the 29th of *Henry* VIII.

The temporalities of *Bromholm* 16*s.* 2*d. ob.*

The Church is a rectory dedicated to St. *Peter,* ancient value was 4 marks, *Peter*-pence 7*d. ob.*; carvage 6*d. ob.* The present valor 57*s.* 6*d.* and is discharged.

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[8] Terre que fuer. Rogeri Pictaviensis ——In Crostueit vi ho'es i car. tre tc et p'. ii car. mo. dim. de his ho'ib; ht. Stigand. soca' in d'nio huj; manerij tc. xx por. et LX ov. et iiii an. et mo. nichil. sep. xx cap. et dim. leug. in long. et iiii qr. in lat. xd. de gelto.

[9] Terra R. de Bellofago——In Crotuuic vi lib ho'es dim. car. tre'. et iii bor. tc. ii car. p'. et mo. i tc. totu' val. xxx mo. XLV et iiiid. Rex et Comes soca'. sed. Rad. ea. tenuit.

RECTORS.

Mr. *William Gerard,* rector.
1472, *Thomas Stathe,* presented by the Bishop of *Norwich.*
1479, *William Spencer. Ditto.*
1492, *Walter Goose.*
1556, *Thomas Mawnde.*
1565, *Edward Rede.*
Ambrose Palmer, rector.
1583, *William Etwell.*
1610, *Thomas Booth.*
1616, *Christopher Styles.*
1617, *Thomas Marshall.*
1646, *Richard Ferrer.*
1672, *William Oster.*
1700, *Thomas Gooch,* by the Bishop.
Thomas Dalton resigned in 1724, and *John Long,* was collated by the Bishop.
1729, *Thomas Bott. Ditto.*
1754, *Robert Potter. Ditto.*
1758, Mr. *Hutchingson.*

Alice Cook of *Horsted,* wife of *Robert Cook* of *Crostewheyte,* by her will in 1478, orders a man to go a pilgrimage to the Holy Rood of *Crostwheyte.*[1]

HAYNEFORD,

CALLED in *Domesday Hamford,* was the lordship of *Roger* of *Poictiers. Ketel* held it under *Stigand* the Archbishop, and was on the Conquest ejected: it consisted of one carucate of land, 7 villains and 4 borderers, &c. 2 carucates in demean, and one carucate with 2 acres of meadow among the tenants, and 14 tenants held one carucate of land, and 3 carucates, and 5 other tenants 30 acres of meadow.[2]

William, son of *Rosceline,* was lord in the 10th of *Richard* I. and about this time, *William Blund* impleaded the aforesaid *William*, for this manor, setting forth, that it had been granted to him and *Alice* his wife, by his ancestor *Blund*, in dower, for the moiety of the village of *Wallesham ;* and to return to him on the death of *Alice*.

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[1] Regist. Caston. Norw. fol. 71.

[2] Terre que fuer'. Rogeri Pictaviensis——Hamforda, ten. Ketel sub Stigando, T.R.E. i car. tre. tc. vii vill. p'. et mo. v semp. iiii bor. tc. et p'. ii car. in d'nio. mo. i sep. i car. ho'm et ii ac. p'ti. silv. e. por. et xiiii ho'es i car. tre. sep. iii car. silv. LX por. et v ho'es xxx ac. p'ti.

Rosceline pleads that the exchange was good, and that *Alice* had resigned her dower at *Walesham* for this, had given also 20 marks, and a war horse, and that King *Henry* II. had confirmed this exchange.

In the 9th of King *John*, *William Blund* conveyed it by fine to *William*, son of *William*, son of *Rosceline*, to hold it of *Blund* by one fee; and in the 26th of *Henry* III. it was settled by *William Rosceline* on himself and *Joan* his wife, and their heirs.

John, son of *William Rosceline*, was found to hold it by one fee in the 34th of *Henry* III.

William Rosceline, lord in the 3d of *Edward* I. and in the 15th of *Edward* I. claimed free-warren, assise, a tumbrel, &c. and was found to hold it in the 25th of the said King, of the honour of *Lancaster*, and the payment of 10*s. per ann.* *Joan* was his widow, in the 9th of *Edward* II. and in the first of *Edward* III. and then in possession of it. But in the 1st of *Edward* III. *John Rosceline* sold it to *Peter de Merkeshale*, and *Margery* his wife, *Reginald de Refham* and *Annora* his wife, *Agnes* and *Alice*, sisters of *Margery* and *Annora*.

Edmund Merkeshale, *Jeffrey Inglose*, and *Peter de Madingthorp*, were deforciants, in a fine, and *Thomas de Bavent* and *Alice* his wife, querents, in the 1st of *Edward* III. when a moiety of this lordship and advowson was settled on *Thomas* and *Alice*, and the said *Thomas* in the 13th of that King, settled them with the manors of *Easton-Bavent*, and *Chidderton*, in *Suffolk*, on himself, for life; remainder to *William* his son and *Catherine* his wife; remainder to *Felicia* his daughter, sister of *William*, and the remainder to *John*, son of *Thomas*, of *Ulveston*; remainder to *Richard*, son of *John*, son of *Baldwin Bavent*, and in the 20th of the said reign, *William Bavent*, and *Robert Pavilli* were lords, and held one fee late *Roscelyn's*.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *George Felbrigg* and *John Pavilly* of *Riburgh* were found to hold it of the honour of *Lancaster*, and *John Shardelow*, in the 8th of *Henry* V. and Sir *John Fastolf* died seized (as is said) in the 38th of *Henry* VI.

Sir *Robert Southwell* died lord in the 6th of *Henry* VIII. being then held of the King, as of the dutchy of *Lancaster*, and *Richard* was his cousin and heir, and on *October* 21, in the 38th of that King, it was granted by the King to *Andrew Mansfield*, Esq. with the advowson, late Sir *Richard Southwell's*, who presented to the church in 1547, and *Joan Mansfield* his widow, in 1554; this *Andrew*, left a daughter and heir, *Susan*.

After this, *Charles Cornwallis*, Esq enjoyed it, from whom it came to *Charles le Grys*, Esq. of *Brockdish*, who was found to die possessed of it, in the 17th of *Elizabeth*, and the advowson, *William* being his son and heir.

John Peck, Esq. presented to the church in 1729, and *Wharton Peck*, Esq. in 1739.

The tenths were 4*l.*; deducted 6*s.* 8*d.* The temporalities of St. *Faith's* priory 4*s.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to *All-Saints*, the ancient valor was 16 marks. *Peter*-pence 14*d.*; carvage 5*d.* The present valor is 6*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.* and pays first-fruits, &c.

RECTORS.

In the 25th of *Edward* I. Mr. *Thomas de Kerdeston*, conveyed his right of patronage, to *William Roselyn.*

Mr. *Robert de Aldeby*, rector.
1327, *Jeff. de Ingelose*, presented by Sir *Thomas Bavent.*
1361, *Robert de Geyton*, by *Robert Paul.*
1384, *William Thorney, alias Burgh*, by Sir *Richard Cousin.*
John Spencer, occurs rector in the 2d of *Henry* IV.
1403, *Robert Punchiamour*, by *John Berton*, rector of *Downham* in *Suffolk.*
John Baker, rector.
1473, *Edmund Halle*, by Sir *Thomas Montgomery*, and *Richard Southwell*, Esq.
1515, *James Beel.*
1547, *Augustin Water*, by *And. Mansfeld*, Esq.
1554, *Robert Foster*, by *Joan Mansfeld*, widow.
1558, *James Slakar. Ditto.*
1560, *George Vicars. Ditto.*
1562, *John Young.*
John Nobbs, rector.
1582, *William Copping.*
1588, *William Crumpten*, by *William le Grise*, Esq.
1592, *Anthony Iveson*, by *Francis Chamberlayne*, Gent.
17--, *John Norris*, by *Thomas Ayde*, Gent.
1729, *Martin Baylis*, by *John Peck*, Esq.
1730, *Edmund Howes. Ditto.*
1739, *Charles Ames*, by *Wharton Peck*, Esq.

In the church were the arms of *Rosceline, azure*, three round buckles, *or. Argentine—Falstolf.* Dr. *Mansfield* and his wife, here buried.

In the churchyard was the chapel of the blessed Virgin, in 1463.

HAYLESDON

Takes its name from its site on a hill, by a water, or river thus, *Halesworth*, *Alesham*, &c.

On the deprivation of *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, (who held it as a lay fee) the Conqueror granted it to *Godwin Halden*:[3] *Stigand* in King *Edward's* reign, had 2 carucates of land, 12 villains, 11 borderers, with a carucate in demean; one carucate held by the tenants, paunage for 60 swine, 12 acres of meadow, 2 mills, a fishery, one cow, &c. 10 sheep, &c. 60 goats, and 6 socmen had an acre of land, with a carucate and a half, and 4 acres of meadow, valued at 4*l*. 12*s*. 8*d*. and there was a church but not endowed with any land; it was one leuca and an half, and 20 perches long, and one leuca broad, and 3 furlongs, and paid 8*d*. ¾ gelt.

This *Godwin Halden* seems to be of *Danish* extraction, and one thing is remarkable of him, that he held under Earl *Guert*, brother of King *Harold*, the lordship of *Nettington* in *Smethdon* hundred, in King *Edward's* time, and at the Conquest, when he was also rewarded with this lordship, those of *Oxnead* and *Bernham* in *South Erpingham* and *Fourhow* hundreds; a proof that he was a rebel against King *Harold*, and assisted the Conqueror.

Soon after the Conquest it was divided into two lordships, one held by the family of *De Bernham*, the other by that of *Hauteyn*, of the honour of *Clare*, coming to those Earls, from the *Giffards*, Earl of *Bucks*.

BERNHAM'S MANOR.

William de Bernham was lord of this town, *Oxnead*, *Bernham*, &c. in the reign of *Richard* I. and *Walter de Bernham* held the same in the 20th of *Henry* III. of the honour of *Clare*, and *William de Bernham* had a charter for free-warren in 1264.

Walter de Bernham presented to this church in 1309, and in the 8th of *Edward* II. *Thomas de Docking* and *Maud* his wife, settled this lordship on *Walter de Bernham* and *Maud* his wife, and in the 16th of that King, it was settled on the said *Walter* and *Maud* for life; remainder to *Hugh*, son of *Walter* and *Isabel* his wife, daughter of *Gyles de Wachesham* and their heirs, and *Hugh* was lord in the 6th of *Edward* III.

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[3] Terre Goduinj Habdenj——In Hailesduna ii car. tre. ten. Stigand. T.R.E. sep. xii villi. et xi bor. tc. et car. in d'nio mo. ii tc. i car. ho'um. mo. i car. et dim. silv. LX por. xii ac. p'ti. sep. ii mol. et i pisc. sep. i an. et x por. tc. x ov. mo. xxviiii mo. LX cap. et vi soc. i ac. tre. sep. i car. et dim. et iiii ac. p'ti. sep. iii lib. et xiii sol. et iiid. val. una ecclia fine tra. et ht. i leug. et dim. et xx perc. in long. et i leug. in lat. et iii qr. et viiid. et i ferding et i obolu. de g.

Robert de Bernham, in the 8th of *Edward* III. lord of this manor, confirmed to the prior and convent of *Norwich,* a right of common in the fields and heaths of this town, for 300 sheep, and great cattle, levant and couchant, *viz.* of the east part thereof, called *Nabbes.*[4]

In the 36th of *Edward* III. Sir *Gyles de Bernham* and *Robert* his brother, released to *Walter de Berney,* citizen of *Norwich,* this manor and advowson, with the rents, services, &c. and in the said year, *John de Bernham,* brother and heir of Sir *Gyles,* released it to the aforesaid *Walter,* and to *Richard de Haylesdon* and *John* his son, citizens of *London,* all his right: this Sir *Gyles,* was, as I take it, eldest son of *Walter de Bernham,* by *Isabel* his wife, and at this time *Alexander Strange* had an interest herein, in right of the said *Isabel,* then his wife.

Andrew Bomond, clerk, nephew of *Hugh de Bernham,* released also to *Walter de Berney, Richard de Haylesdon,* &c. all his right in the 51st of the said King, and *Walter de Berney* presented to this church in 1365, &c. and in 1388, Sir *John Seton* presented in right of *Joan* his wife.

John de Haylesdon, citizen of *Norwich,* made his will *April* 14, 1384, and desires to be buried in this church by his father and mother; gives to *Robert* his brother 40*l.* *Margaret* his sister 20*l.* and proved in the same month.

John Churchman was his executor, and to this *John, John de Haylesdon,* and *Joan* his wife, in the 7th of *Richard* II. had conveyed this manor in trust.

John Gournay and *Alice* his wife were in possession of it in the 19th of that King, when they passed it with the manor of *Drayton,* and the advowson of the two chantries in this town, which Sir *John Seton* and *Joan* his wife held for life, (probably late widow of *John de Halesdon*) to *John Winter,* &c. and in the 4th of the said King *Richard* II. *John Hokere* and *Margaret* his wife, conveyed this lordship, to *John Churchman,* and *Bartholomew Marsh,* citizens of *London,* feoffees of *John de Haylesdon.*

Richard Selling and *Alice* conveyed it in the 11th of *Henry* VI. to Sir *John Fastolf,* and *John Paston,* Esq. enjoyed it, and *John de la Pole* Duke of *Suffolk;* from which family it came to the Crown, on the execution of *Edmund* Earl of *Suffolk.*

King *Henry* VIII. granted it to *Charles Brandon,* Duke of *Suffolk,* and on his death, escheating to the Crown, it was given *April* 11, in the 4th of *Edward* VI. to the Bishop of *Norwich* and his successours, as in *Drayton;* and the Bishop is lord at this time.

HAUTEYN'S MANOR.

Theobald de Hauteyn had a lordship here in the reign of *Henry* II. by the marriage of *Agnes,* daughter of *Albert de Gresley,* who was also lord of *Oxnead.*

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[4] Reg. i Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol. 254.

On the death of *Theobald*, she married ------- *de Amaundevile*, and in 1183, she was found to be 40 years of age,[5] and to hold this manor in dower, having three sons by *Theobald; John* the eldest was then in the King's custody, a minor, aged 14, and died *s. p.* leaving *Robert* and *Thomas* his brothers: *Margery*, his widow, in 1214, surrendered her right here for an equivalent at *Skeldingthorp* in *Lincolnshire*, to *Robert*.

Walter de Hauteyn of *Haylesdon* was also living in the 8th of *Henry* II.[6] and had an interest here, holding two fees of the honour of *Clare*, and *John* was (as is said) his son and heir, who married *Margery*, daughter of *Julian Hunsfen*, son of *Elias*, who brought to *John* the lordships of *Skeldingthorp*, *Credington*, and *Fresham* in *Lincolnshire*, to *John*, by whom she was father of *Robert*, who was living in 1214, and being a knight in the 24th of *Henry* III. granted by fine to *William Lincoln*, lands and a meadow, called *Flatholm*, with common of pasture for 8 sheep, 6 beasts, in the woods, except in the park of the said *Robert;* in the 28th of that King, he settled this lordship on *Hamond* his son, and *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *William Briton*, and died before the 31st of the said reign.

Alice being then his widow, he had a daughter *Eva*, to whom he gave 100*l. per ann.* in lands here, pasture at *Kaynard*,[7] a foldcourse for 300 sheep, and several rents, (which was probably the rise of *Fairchild's* manor in this town) on her marriage to *Ralph de Tyville.*

Hamo succeeded his father, was custos of the county of *Norfolk*, and accounted for the profits thereof, in the 44th of *Henry* III. and in his 53d year had the King's writ, dated *December* 3, that whereas he had forfeited his lands, which were given to *Patrick de Chaworth*, for siding with the barons, he was empowered to summon *Patrick* before the sheriff, to show cause why they should not be restored him.

Sir *Bartholomew de Hauteyn* had also an interest here, about the same time, and the King had granted his lands on the same account to *Ernisius de Stutevile.*

Sir *Hamo de Hauteyn* and *Robert de Ludham* were appointed justices to look after the Jews' affairs, and there was a mandate to the barons of the Exchequer, to deliver to them the keys of the chest of the Jews, with the rolls, &c. belonging to that office.

In the 3d of that King, he claimed the assise, free-warren, a gallows, &c. in the 11th of the said King, he was summoned to meet the King in parliament at *Salop*, and in the 13th was suspended from his office, as judge of the Jews, for certain misdemeanors.

William, son and heir, succeeded his father *Hamod*, and was lord in 1301, and married *Agnes*, daughter of *William de Brampton*, and in 1312, it was settled by fine on him, and his 2d wife, *Alice*, daughter of *William de Walcote*, and dying in the year 1326, Sir *John Hauteyn* was his son and heir, by *Agnes* his wife; but it does not appear that he inherited this lordship, his father is said to have incurred the displeasure of King *Edward* I. and to have paid a fine of 569*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for certain transgressions, in not attending him in some expedition as is said; and in the 19th of *Edward* II. not long before his death, had conveyed by fine this lordship to *Walter de Bernham* and *Maud* his wife, widow of his father *Hamo*, and so was united soon after to the manor of *Bernham*.

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[5] Rot. de Dom. Puer. &c. in S'ccio.

[6] Lib. Nig. Sccij.

[7] Reg. Abb. de Hulmo, fol. 58.

This Sir *John*, was probably the same person, who was receiver of the King's customs of wool, and citizen of *London*, in the 16th of the said King; Sir *John* sealed with *argent*, a bend *sable*, and some of the *Hauteyns* sealed with bendy of eight, *argent* and *sable*.

From the *Bernhams* it came to *Walter de Berney*, *Richard de Haylesdon*, so to *Gourney*, *Fastolf*, &c. and so to the see of *Norwich*, as abovementioned.

Here was also a lordship called *Fairchild's*, which arose (as I take it) from the grant of Sir *Robert de Hauteyn* of 100s. *per ann.* in lands; also pastures, a foldcourse, with several rents to *Eve*, his daughter, on her marriage, to *Ralph de Tyville*, about the 28th of *Henry* III. and was enjoyed by *John de Tyville*, his son.

In the reign of *Henry* VI. Sir *John Fastolf* was lord of it, and Sir *John Paston* died possessed of it, in the 6th of *Edward* IV. as Sir *John Wiltshire* did in the reign of *Henry* VI. before it came to *Fastolf*; by his will dated at *Haylesdon*,[8] *November* 17, 1424, and proved *May* 25, 1428, he gives to his tenants here 40*s.* requires to be buried in the priory of *Lewes* in *Sussex*, by his late wife, *Blanch*; names *John* his son, and *Alice* his wife executors.

In the 20th of *Henry* VIII. Sir *John Cressener* and *Elena* his wife convey it to *Nicholas Sotherton* and *Agnes* his wife, and *John Sotherton*, with 80 acres of land, 20 of pasture, 10 of meadow, and a messuage called *Fairchild's*, and *Samuel Sotherton*, Gent. was found to die possessed of it, *April* 18, in the 5th of *Charles* I. held of the Bishop, in soccage, of his manor of *Haylesdon*, and of 22 acres of land, late the prioress of *Carrows*, held of the King *in capite*, by the hundredth part of a fee, and *Ann* was his daughter and heir, (by *Mary* his wife,) aged 30, and then the wife of *Roger Dunster* of *London*, merchant.

The *Sothertons* are an ancient family: *Nicholas Sotherton*, Esq. was sheriff of *Norwich* in 1530, and mayor in 1539.

Leonard Sotherton, was a citizen of *Norwich*, of eminent loyalty in *Ket's* rebellion, in the reign of *Edward* VI.

John Sotherton, Esq. sheriff of *Norwich* in 1565, had by *Mary* his wife, daughter of *Augustine Steward*, mayor of the aforesaid city, in 1534, four sons; *John*, *Nowell*,[9] who was baron of the Exchequer, *Nicholas* and *Thomas*.

Thomas Sotherton, probably brother of *John Sotherton*, Esq. married *Elizabeth*, another of the daughters of *Augustine Steward*, and was mayor in 1565, and burgess in parliament in the 39th of *Elizabeth*, whose descendants are as follows.

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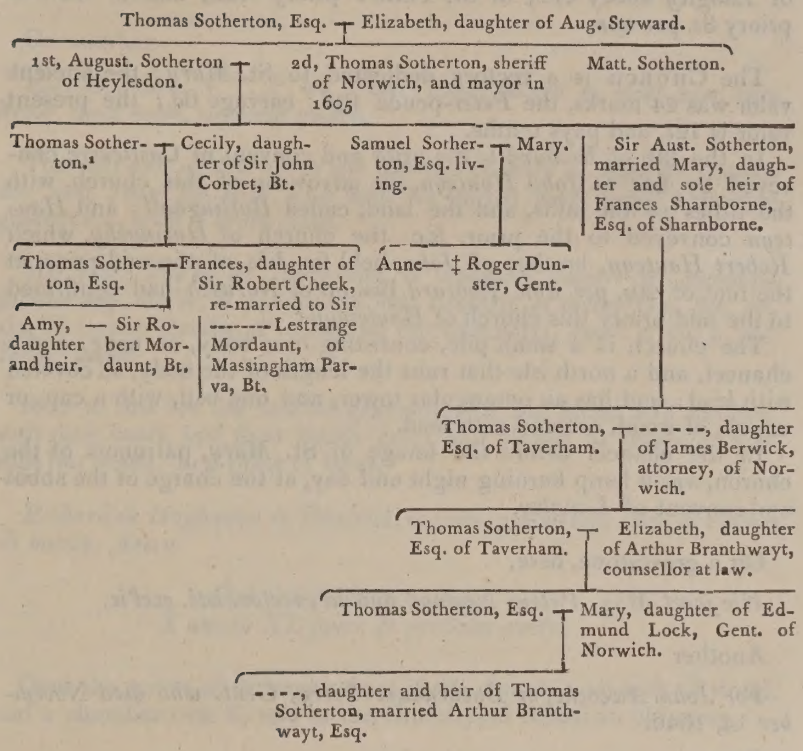
[8] Reg. Surfleet, pt. 2, fol. 27.

[9] Nowell or William Sotherton, Esq. was a baron of the Exchequer, married - - - -, daughter of Anthony Williams, auditor, he was free of the Merchant Tailors Company, London, and buried at St. Botolph's Aldersgate church.

SOTHERTON'S PEDIGREE.


Thomas Sotherton, Esq. ┬ Elizabeth, daughter of Aug. Styward.
1st, August. Sotherton of Heylesdon.
2d, Thomas Sotherton, sheriff of Norwich, and mayor in 1605
Matt. Sotherton.
Thomas Sotherton.[1]
Cecily, daughter of Sir John Corbet, Bt.
Samuel Sotherton, Esq. living.
Mary.
Sir Aust. Sotherton, married Mary, daughter and sole heir of Frances Sharnborne, Esq. of Sharnborne.
Thomas Sotherton, Esq.
Frances, daughter of Sir Robert Cheek, re-married to Sir -------- Lestrange Mordaunt, of Massingham Parva, Bt.
Anne— ‡ Roger Dunster, Gent.
Amy, daughter and heir.
— Sir Robert Mordaunt, Bt.
Thomas Sotherton, Esq. of Taverham.
------, daughter of James Berwick, attorney, of Norwich.
Thomas Sotherton, Esq. of Taverham.
Elizabeth, daughter of Arthur Branthwayt, counsellor at law.
Thomas Sotherton, Esq.
Mary, daughter of Edmund Lock, Gent. of Norwich.
----, daughter and heir of Thomas Sotherton, married Arthur Branthwayt, Esq.

Sotherton bears, *argent*, a fess, and in chief, two crescents, *or*, *gules*.

Roger Dunster had, by *Anne* his wife, a daughter and heir, *Anne*, who by marriage brought it to *John Berrington*, Esq. who was lord in 1664, son of *Humphrey Berrington*, of *London*, merchant, by *Anne* his wife, daughter of *Edward Meredith* of *Stanley*, in *Denbighshire*, son of *Simon Berrington* of *Winsley* in *Herefordshire*.

After this it came to *Heyward*, and to Sir *William Goslin*, a lace-man of *Pater-Noster-Row*, *London*, whose lady held it in jointure in 1690.

Robert Hauteyn granted to *Reginald*, abbot of St. *Bennet's* at *Holm*, the mill called *New Mill* in *Haylesdon Liberty*, with common of pasture, and the bank to the mill pool, with the island, and liberty to clean the pool, in the 12th of *Henry* III. and Sir *Robert Hauteyn* gave 24 acres of land to *Langley* abbey.

John, son of *Ralph de Tyvile*, granted to *William de Kirkeby*, prior, &c. of *Norwich*, an annual rent, which he used to receive of him, and which they lately held of his grandfather Sir *Robert Hauteyn.*

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[1] This Thomas is also said to have left two daughters — Catherine, married to William Methwold, Esq. of South Pickenham, and Frances to William Bell, D.D. vicar of St. Sepulchre's, London.

The tenths were 1*l.* 10*s.*; temporalities of *Norwich* priory 18*s.* 6*d.*; of *Langley* abbey 27*s.*; of St. *Faith's* priory 40*s.*; and of *Carrow* priory 8*s.* *per ann.*

The **Church** is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Mary;* the ancient valor was 24 marks, the *Peter*-pence 10*d.*; carvage 6*d.*; the present valor is 12*l.* and pays tenths.

In the 8th of *Richard* I. the prior and convent of *Castleacre* conveyed by fine to *John Hauteyn*, the advowson of this church, with the tithes of the mills, and the land, called *Butlinghall;* and *Hauteyn* conveyed to the prior, &c. the church of *Haringeby*, which *Robert Hauteyn*, brother of *John*, held for life of the said prior, at the rent of 20*s.* *per ann.* *Eborard* Bishop of *Norwich* had confirmed to the said priory this church of *Haylesdon.*[2]

The church is a small pile, consisting of a body, or nave, and a chancel, and a north isle that runs the length of the body, all covered with lead; and has an octangular tower, and one bell, with a cap, or cupola of wood, covered with lead.

In the chancel before the image of St. *Mary*, patroness of the church, was a lamp burning night and day, at the charge of the abbot and convent of *Langley*.

On a gravestone, here,

Hic jacet Mag. Petrus Neylond quo'da', rector. isti. eccl'ie.

Another

For John Awcocke, of Buckenham Ferry, Gent. who died November 14, 1646.

One

For Eliz. Awcock, wife of John, who died Nov. 14, 1652.

In the nave,

Here lyeth Alice Helisden, on whose soul Jesu have mercy.

In the north isle, at the east end, a gravestone, with the portraiture of a priest in his robes.

Hic jacet Ricard Thaseburgh, quo' da' rect. isti, eccl'ie qui obt. 13 *Februarii, A°. M. CCCLXXXIX.*

A marble gravestone

For Mrs. Thomasine Awcock, who died May 25, 1626.

Another

In memory of Ann Berington, wife of John Berington of Helledon Hall, who died Nov. 28, 1651, *aged* 29.

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[2] Reg. Castleac. fol. 108.

On one

Depositum Annæ Bell, filie Thoma Sotherton, Armig. et Ceciliæ uxoris ejus, nupta fuit Gul°. Bell, Clerico, obt. August 20, 1665, *ætat.* 29.

On another

Ric. Meredith, S. T. P. ob.°. Dec. 1655, *futuru es, sicut sum, siste lector, disce mori, suprema quære.*

The east end of this north isle was the chantry of *John de Haylesdon* and *Joan* his wife, who both lie buried here under a marble gravestone, with a brass plate.

Hic jacet Joh'es de Haylesdon, et Johanna consors ej; quondam patroni huj; eccl'ie, et fundatores huj; cantarie et dictus Dn. Joh. ob. xix *die mensis Aprilis, A°. D'nj.* M. CCCLXXXIIII, *quor'. a'iab; p. pit. Deus, Amen.*

Near to this lies the marble gravestone of his father and mother, with their busts, and their hands erect and joined as praying; she, with her beads, on a plate of brass,

Richard de Haylesdon et Beatrice, sa feme, gisont icy, Dieu d' l'almes eit mercy, Amen.

Qui p' leur almes p' era,
X ans et XL jours de pardoun avera.

Over the porch of the south door of the church is an arch of stone, and a chamber over it, and in the churchyard stands an old cross.

RECTORS.

In 1309, *Peter,* son of *Walter de Bernham* instituted rector, presented by *Walter de Bernham.*
1311, *Robert de Bernham,* by *Walter,* &c.
1314, *Thomas de Bocking,* by *ditto.*
1329, *Miles de Disce,* by *Maud de Bernham.*
Thomas Fastolf, occurs rector in 1331.
1335, *Alan Attegap de Burgh,* by *Robert de Bernham,* clerk.
1355, *Oliver de Whytton,* by *William de Wychingham.*
1365, *Thomas Blees,* by *Walter de Berney,* citizen of *Norwich.*
1379, *Richard de Taseburgh,* by *Walter de Berney,* and *John Haylesdon,* citizen of *London.*
1387, *John Botiller,* by *Thomas Latymer,* &c.
1388, *John Salford,* by Sir *John Seton,* Knt.
1389, *Thomas Parge,* by *ditto.*
1391, *John Otere. Ditto.*
Peter Neylond, occurs rector in 1422.

1447, *John Cosyn*, presented as one of the chaplains, by Sir *John Falstolf*, Knt.

1448, *John Semycroft*, A.M. presented by Sir *John Falstolf*.

1448, *Thomas Hert*, on *Richard Carpenter's* resignation, by Sir *John Falstolf*.

George Gardiner, DD. rector in 1579, dean of *Norwich*, collated by the Bishop.

Edmund Suckling, D.D. occurs rector in 1609, dean of *Norwich* in 1614, died in 1628.

——, *John Taylor*, rector.

John Whitefoot, A.M. died rector in 1731.

1732, *Edward Capper*, by the Bishop.

1754, *William Jackson*, on *Capper's* death, by *ditto*.

John Churchman who was sheriff of *London* in the 9th of *Richard* II. and executor to *John de Haylesdon*, had in the said year a patent for founding the chantry abovementioned, for 2 chaplains, to pray for the souls of *John de Haylesdon*, and *Joan* his wife, and *Walter de Berney*, they had lands and tenements here, and 20 marks *per ann.* rent out of tenements in the parish of *All-Saints, de Grace* church, *London*, &c. and in the 15th of the said King, *Churchman* aliened lands in *Neketon*, *Cressingham* and *Ikeburgh* to it.

In 1395, *Churchman* presented the two chaplains, *John Fyn*, and *William More*; each priest's portion was valued at 6*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* which shews their endowments to be considerable.

In 1402, *Thomas Hamond* was presented a chantry priest, by *John Yelverton*, Esq.

Sir *John Fastolf* was patron *Ao.* 29 *Henry* VI.

At the Dissolution, *William Norton*, and *Philip Curson* were the two priests, and had each of them a pension of 6*l. per ann.* granted to them. I sometimes find it called the college of priests at *Haylesdon*.

HORSEFORD.

ROBERT MALET, baron of *Eye* in *Suffolk*, had a grant of this town, for his eminent services to the Conqueror, on the deprivation of *Edric*, lord of it in King *Edward's* reign, when there were 2 carucates and an half, 5 villains, 5 borderers, 2 carucates in demean; one amongst the tenants, and 4 acres of meadow, and paunage for 160 swine; with one mill, one rounce and 3 cows.

Here were also 30 sheep, 15 skeps of bees; twenty two socmen also held a carucate of land, and 2 acres of meadow, and there was a carucate and half of meadow: of two of these socmen the King and the Earl had the soc, and the forfeiture of 6 others valued then at 3*l.*

at the survey at 110*s.* it was one leuca and an half long, and paid 17½*d.* gelt.[3]

Robert Lord *Malet* enfeoffed one of his knights (*Walter de Cadomo*,[4] who attended him into *England* at the Conquest) of this lordship, which was called the barony of *Horseford*, to be held of the honour of *Eye*; and here this *Walter* built a castle, whose ruins, *Camden* says in his *Britannia*, were then overgrown with bushes and briars, and laid a large park or chase round it, in some deeds called the forest of *Horseford*.

Robert son of *Walter*, married *Sybilla*, daughter and heiress of *Ralph de Cheyney*, and is often called *Robert Fitz Walter*, and was founder of *Horsham* priory; by her he had three sons, who assumed the name of *De Cheyney*; *Roger*,[5] who died *s. p.*; *John*, called the *vicecomes*, or sheriff, who died without issue male, and *William de Cheyney* who was lord of *Horsford*, living in the 2d year of *Henry* II. and sheriff of *Norfolk*, sometimes called *William de Norwich*.

King *Stephen* granted to him the hundred and half of *Fourhow*, with the manor of *Hingham*, and the hundred of *Taverham*, in exchange for *Moleham*, &c. and King *Henry* II. gave him the lordship of *Bliburgh*, by charter, dated at *Lincoln*;—witnesses, *H.* Bishop of *Durham*, chancellor, *R.* Archbishop of *York*, *R.* Bishop of *Lincoln*. He was founder of *Sibton* abbey in *Suffolk*, and left by *Gilla*, his wife, three daughters and coheirs.

Margaret, married to *Hugh de Cressi*;—*Clementia*, to *Jordan de Sackvile*, and *Sara*, to *Richard de Engaine*; and on a division of their inheritance, this came to *Hugh de Cressi*, who in the 21st of *Henry* II. was (with *Ralph de Granvile*) a justice itinerant, and settled the tallages of the royal demeans.[6]

Margaret survived her husband *Hugh*, and remarried *Robert Fitz Roger*, lord of *Warkeworth* in *Northumberland*, son of *Roger Fitz Richard*, which *Richard* was son of *Eustace Fitz John*.

Margaret had by *Hugh*, a son, *Roger de Cressi*, who in the first of King *John*, married *Isabel*,[7] youngest daughter and coheir of *Robert de Rye*, with whom he had 17 fees and an half, and the moiety of the barony of *Rye*. He was in the barons wars against King *John*, and that king gave his lands in this county, and *Suffolk*, to *Robert de Ferrarijs*, but were restored by King *Henry* III. he had 2 sons by *Isabel*;

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[3] Terre Roberti Malet——Hosforda ten. Edric. i lib. ho. T. R. E. ii car. et dim t'nc. et p'. will. mo. vii semp. v bord. t'nc. et p' ii car. in d'nio. mo. i t'nc et p'. i car. ho'um mo. dim. et iiii ac. p'ti. t'nc. et p'. silva CL por. mo. LX et i mol. semp. i r. t'nc. iii an. mo. iii et xvii por. t'nc. xxx ov. mo. LXXXXII et mo. xv vasa apu'. et t'nc. et p'. xxii. soc. mo. xxi car. tre. et ii ac. p'ti. t'nc. et p' i car. et dim. mo. i de duob; soc. ht. rex et come soca' et sup. alios vi foris facturas. t'nc. et p'. val. iii lib. mo. CX sol. et ht i leug. et dim. in long. et i in lat. et reddit xvii den. in gelto regis. et i ferding.

[4] Walter de Cadomo is said to be a younger brother of Robert Lord Malet.

[5] Some pedigrees say that Walter his father was named Cheney, and that Sybilla his wife, was of another branch of that family, but not an heiress. Camden was of this opinion.

[6] By some of the best authorities however it is asserted, that the abovesaid Margaret, was sole daughter and heir of William de Cheney: and in particular in a curious pedigree by St. George and Camden, in Lord Dacre's possession.

[7] Isabel was daughter and coheir of Hubert de Rye, by Margery his wife, daughter of William, son of Rosceline, which Margery, after married ——— de Dagworth.

Hugh de Cressi, the eldest, who paid a relief of 100*l.* for his lands, about the 30th of *Henry* III. and died in the 47th of that King, and in the following year it appears that *Isabel* was dead; and that *Oliva* her sister was to have certain lands delivered to her, on condition that *Ermentrude*, widow of Sir *Stephen de Cressi*, son of Sir *Roger de Cressi* and *Isabel*, was not with child, but if she was, then the lands to be in the King's hands.

But the male issue in this family failing in *William de Cressi*, who was summoned to parliament as a baron, the 25th of *Elizabeth*, but soon after died; it is certain this lordship came, probably by some entail to *Robert Fitz Roger*, (great grandson of *Margaret de Cheyney* and *Robert Fitz Roger*, founder of the priory of *Langley* in *Norfolk*, in which divers of his descendants were interred,) which *Robert* had summons to parliament, from the 23d of *Edward* I. to the 3d of *Edward* II. in which year he died, and was succeeded by *John*, his son and heir, who constantly used the sirname of *Clavering*, from his manor of *Clavering* in *Essex*. This *John* married *Hewesia*, daughter and heir of *Robert de Tiptoft*, by whom he had an only daughter named *Eva*.

Eva had 4 husbands; first, *Thomas de Audley*, Esq. by whom she had no issue; 2d, Sir *Thomas de Ufford*, son of *Robert de Ufford*, justice of *Ireland*, and brother of *Thomas Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*, by whom she had 3 sons, Sir *John*, Sir *Robert*, and Sir *Edmund de Ufford*, who was killed at *Sterling*, in *Scotland*, and buried at *Langley* abbey; as was Sir *John*, his eldest brother, and *Thomas* his father.

Her 3d husband was Sir *James de Audley*, by whom she had two sons, *James* and *Peter*, and 2 daughters, *Anne* and *Hewesia*; *James* the eldest son, was the famous Lord *Audley* of *Helagh*, remarkable for his gallantry at the battle of *Poictiers*.

The 4th husband was Sir *Robert de Benhale*, and she appears to be his wife in the 11th of *Edward* III. in which year he was in an expedition made into *France*, and had summons to parliament among the barons in the 34th of that King: *Barns* says, he fought a remarkable duel with a *Scotchman*, and killed him: his arms were, *gules*, a cross moline, *argent*, surmounted by a bendlet, *sable*, and was buried in *Langley* abbey.

The lady *Eva* died in the 45th of *Edward* III. and was buried in *Langley* abbey, as was her third husband, Sir *James de Audley*; I have seen a curious seal of this lady; in the centre was half the arms of *Ufford*, impaling the arms of *Audley*, and above in a triangular position, three small shields of her own arms, *De Clavering*, in a lozenge.

Sir *Edmund de Ufford*, her 3d son, by her second husband, inherited this lordship; he married *Sibilla*, daughter of Sir *Simon Peirpont* of *Belstead*, and *Henstead* in *Suffolk*; by his will dated ———————, and proved *October* 3, 1374, he was buried in *Langley* abbey; he was father of Sir *Robert de Ufford*, who married *Hellen*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Felton*, died in 1400, and was buried in *Langley* abbey, leaving *Amey* his daughter and coheir, who brought it by marriage to Sir *William Bowet*, of an ancient family in *Cumberland*, *Westmoreland*, &c. as appears by the list of sheriffs of the county of *Lincolnshire*, where they had a seat at *Rippengale* near *Bourne*; brother, as I take it, of *Henry Bowet*, Archbishop of *York*, who bore the same arms, *argent*, three stags heads caboshed, *sable*.

In the 10th of *Richard* II. a fine was levied between this *Henry Bowet*, clerk, then archdeacon of *Lincoln*, and Sir *Robert Parning*, whereby the manors of *Blackhall, Staynton*, and *Bocardby* in *Cumberland*, where settled on *Parning* in tail; remainder to *Thomas Bowet*, sen. and *Margaret* his wife in tail.

Sir *William* was living and *Amey* his wife, in the 11th of *Henry* IV. and resided at *Wrentham* in *Suffolk*, in the 5th of *Henry* V. and was taken prisoner by the *French* at the battle of *Bangy* in *France*, in the 9th of the said King, in which the Duke of *Clarence* was slain; it is probable he died a prisoner there soon after, for it appears that he was dead in the 10th year of *Henry* V. and was buried, with his lady, in *Langley* priory: she after his decease however married a second husband, Sir *Henry Inglose*.

Elizabeth, daughter and heir of the aforesaid Sir *William Bowet* and *Amey Ufford*, married Sir *Thomas Dacre*, son and heir of *Thomas* Lord *Dacre* of *Gillesland*, and in her right was lord of this town, *Joan*, his daughter and heir, brought it to Sir *Richard Fiennes*, who was Lord *Dacre*, in her right; in this family it continued (Lord *Dacre* of the *South*) till issue male failing, the 37th of Queen *Elizabeth*, *Margaret*, sister and heir of *Gregory* Lord *Dacres*, marrying *Sampson Lennard*, Esq. (son and heir of *John Lennard*, Esq. of *Chevening* in *Kent*, sheriff of that county the 13th Queen *Elizabeth*) carried this lordship, with the estate and honour, into that family, whose grandson, *Richard Lennard* Lord *Dacre*, gave this manor to *Richard Lennard* his son,[8] by *Dorothy*, daughter of *Dudley* Lord *North*, his 2d wife, which *Richard* afterwards took the name and arms of *Barret* in consideration of the manor of *Belhouse*, &c. in *Essex*, bequeathed to him by his cousin, Sir *Edward Barret* Lord *Newburgh*, who died *Anno* 1644; he was succeeded by *Dacre Barrett Lennard*, his son and heir, who had issue, *Richard*, who dying in his father's life time, left an only son *Thomas*, the present Lord *Dacre*, in which title he *(anno* 1755*)* succeeded his mother *Anne* Lady *Dacre*, who by the death of *Barbara*, her eldest sister, without issue *(anno* 1741*)* inherited that honour as sole heir to her father *Thomas Lennard* Earl of *Sussex*, son of *Francis* Lord *Dacre*, son and heir of the afore-mentioned *Richard Lennard* Lord *Dacre*, by *Anne*, daughter of Sir *Arthur Throgmorton*, his first wife, which *Thomas Barrett-Lennard* Lord *Dacre*, is the present owner of this manor. Arms quarterly, 1st and 4th, *or* on a fess, *gules*, three fleur-de-lis *or*, for *Lennard;* 2d and 3d, party per pale *barry* of four counterchanged *argent* and *gules*, for *Barrett*.

In the 34th of *Henry* III. *Hugh de Cressy*, lord of *Horsford*, granted by fine before *Henry de Bath, John de Gates, Robert de Brewer, Gilbert de Preston*, Master *Simon de Wanton* and *William de Wilton*, the King's itinerant justices at *Norwich*, to *Berengar*, prior of *Horsham St. Faith's*, common of pasture in his park of *Horsford*,[9] for all the cows and oxen of the said priory, from the feast of *Pentecost*, to that of St. *Michael* yearly, and for their swine, from St. *Michael's* day, to that of St. *Martin*, with a drove way for the same.

The ancient lords, as barons of *Horsford*, had a castle here, the site of it is still to be seen, and was inclosed by a circular moat, and the keep was about 50 feet from this moat, and surrounded by another moat; though this indeed seems rather to have been a station for observation in the outward works of the castle, after the fashion of those times; for the area on the top is too small to have contained a building of any size. Of *Horsford* many manors and lands were held by knights service in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, as appears by a list of them in a curious survey of the manor made in Queen *Elizabeth's* time.

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[8] *Ex inform. Dom. Dacre.*

[9] It appears by old evidences in Lord Dacre's possession; that it was in the Chase, then called Park, not the Home Park.

The Home park at *Horsford*, by an entry in the court books, appears to have been still stocked with deer, in the reign of *Henry* VIII.; and it appears by old writings (now in the possession of the Right Honourable Lord *Dacre*) that in the 10th of *Henry* V. the chase (now only a naked heath of nine hundred acres) was furnished with trees and underwood; of which indeed, by old accounts of sales of wood in Queen *Elizabeth's* time, by *Gregory* Lord *Dacre*, there appears, till then at least, to have been still remains.

The tenths were 45*s.*—Temporalities of *Horsham St. Faith's* priory 14*s.* 11*d.*

The Church is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and was a rectory valued at 20 marks, but appropriated to the priory of *Horsham St. Faith's*, and a vicarage was settled in the patronage of that house, valued at 6 marks, *Peter*-pence 17*d.*

The present valor is 4*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* and is discharged; carvage 7*d. ob.*

It consists of one isle or a nave, and a chancel thatched, and a north chapel, covered with tile, a square tower, and 3 bells.

At the end of the chancel a marble grave-stone,

In memory of Roger Tibbenham, Gent. who died May 26, 1712, ætat. 59, and Margaret his wife, Dec. 6, 1709, ætat. 56.

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In memory of Daniel Wiseman, A.M. rector of Marsham, and vicar of Horseforth, who died Janu. 1675, aged 36.

VICARS.

In 1335, *Henry de Horsham*, instituted vicar, presented by the prior of *Horsham*.

1347, *Walter Holm*, by the King, the temporalities of the priory being in the hands of the King.

1349, *John Ingeland*, by the prior.
Richard le Cooke, vicar.
1353, *Peter Lesse*, by the King.
1359, *Gilbert May*. *Ditto.*
1419, *Richard Atte-Brook*. *Ditto.*
1489, *John Bote*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
William Lee, vicar.
1538, *Peter Drane*, by the assignees of the prior.
——, *John* ————, vicar.
1583, *Jerem. Every*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1585, *Robert Wethers*, by the Queen.

1588, *Robert Elmeden*, by *Richard Southwell*, Esq.
1603, *Step. Carter*, by *William Philips* of *Crostwick.*
1647, *Samuel Dobson*, by Sir *John Hobart*, Bart.
1674, *Daniel Wiseman. Ditto.*
1707, *John Laurence*, by Sir *Ralph Hare.*
1734, *Benjamin Paul*, by *Elizabeth* Viscountess of *Hereford.*

Here were the guilds of St. *John*, *All-Saints*, and St. *Faith's*, and the lights of St. *Mary*, St. *Nicholas* and *All-Saints.*

I find in the 13th of Queen *Elizabeth*, a portion of 40*s. per ann.* paid to the vicar out of the lands belonging to *Horsham* priory, and the arms of Bishop *Goldwell*, *Fiennes* Lord *Dacres*, and *Dacres* Lord *Dacres.*

The building of the new tower mentioned in 1456, and on *June* 22, 1493, the Bishop granted to the messengers of this village, power to ask alms of the citizens (and through the diocese) of *Norwich*, for the repair and building of their church and tower.

The town takes its name from a ford over the *Hor*, or *Or*, as *Horsham*, *Horstede*, &c.—*Orford* in *Suffolk.*

HORSHAM

WAS also the lordship of *Edric*, in the reign of the Confessor, and granted by the Conqueror to *Robert* Lord *Mallet*, and so passed as is beforementioned to *Cheneys.*

Edric, a freeman, had 5 carucates of land, 12 villains, and 9 borderers, 2 carucates in demean, and one among the tenants, with half an acre of meadow, paunage for 160 swine, 2 mills, 1 runcus, 2 cows, &c. 10 goats, and 19 socmen had a carucate of land, the King and the Earl had the soc of three of them, and the forfeitures of 6 others, it was valued at 3*l.* but at the survey at 4*l.* 10*s.* was one leuca and a half long, and one broad, paid 17¼*d.* gelt.[1]

In the 53d of *Henry* III. *William de Stutevile* and *Ermentrude* his wife, released the third part of 75 acres of land, and 200 of wood, claimed by her in dower, as widow of *Steph. de Cressy*, to *Berangar*, prior of *Horsham St. Faith's*, and in the 15th of *Edward* I. the jury find that *Ermentrude* held 15*l. per ann.* here, and 10*l. per ann.* in *Lyng*, in dower, and was then the wife of *Roger de Colvill*, sen. and married without the King's license.

The tenths were 38*s.*

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[1] Terre Roberti Malet——Horsham, tenuit idem Edric. i lib. ho'. T. R. E. iii car. tre. t'nc. et p'. xii vill. mo. xvi semp. ix bord. t'nc. et p'. ii car. in d'nio. mo. i semp. i car. hom'um. et dim. ac. p'ti t'nc. et p'. silva CLX por. mo. LX et ii mol. semp. i r. t'nc. ii anim. mo. iiii t'nc. vi por. mo. xvii t'nc. x cap. mo. xxxv et xix sochem'. i car. tre. semp. i car. de trib; rex et comes, soca' et sup. alios vi forisfacturas. t'nc. et p'. val. iii lib. mo. iiii lib. et x sol. et ht. i leug. et dim. in long. et i in latitud. et reddit xviid. et i ferding.

NEWTON.

Is an hamlet belonging to, and in the parish of, *Horsham:* by an inquisition post mortem, *Francis Mapes* of *Rollesby*, Esq. was found to die on the 9th of *March*, 1637, seized of 60 acres of land in *Newton St. Faith's*, held of the King by the 40th part of a fee.

Andrew Mansfeld had on *October* 21, in the 38th of *Henry* VIII. the grant of a capital messuage here.

The church of *Horsham* was many centuries past a rectory, dedicated to St. *Faith* the virgin, and appropriated by the grant of *Robert de Cadomo* (son of *Walter*) and *Sibilla* his wife, to the priory of *Horsham St. Faith's*, being valued at 13 marks, *Peter*-pence 20*d.* carvage 7*d. ob.* and is an impropriation served by a stipendiary curate.

In the church were the arms of *Bowet*, impaling *Ufford*—Lord *Dacres* of the north, *gules*, three escallops, *argent*, quartering, *Ufford, Bowet*, and checque, *or* and *gules*, *Vaux-Fiennes* Lord *Dacres* of the south, *azure*, three lioncels rampant, *or*.

In a north window,

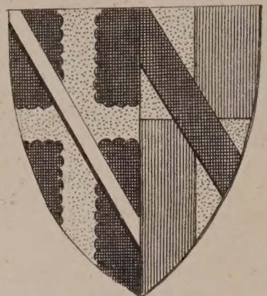
Orate p. a'iab; Rob. Berney et Margar. uxor. ej: and in a south—*Orate p. a'ia Tho. Fordley*, and these arms, *gules*, a griffin, segreant, *argent*, impaling, *sable*, a fess ingrailed between three escallops *argent.*—*Orate p. a'ia Tho. Brampton, Armig.* and *Brampton* impaling *Walcote;* and *Brampton* and *Aylmer;* the crest a goat trippant - - horned *or*, with a satire on his back, holding the horns ;—*Sable*, three pomgranates, *gules* impaling *sable*, a chevron, ermin, between three crescents, *argent ;—Brandon*, quartering, *argent*, a fess between three trefoils, slipped *gules ;—Brandon*, impaling *ermin*, a saltire ingrailed *gules*.

In the church were the guilds of St. *Faith*, and St. *Andrew*, the first of these had a capital messuage belonging to it, and several lands.

Helene Carter, widow, gave an acre of land in 1521, to the repair of the cross in the churchyard, edified by her, and here was in *Chapel Close, Southwood*, a chapel.

IN THE CHANCEL OF THE PRIORY CHURCH OF HORSHAM St. FAITH's ANNO 1730.

Were these Ancient Shields in Wood Painted, just beneath the Roof, three on each side.



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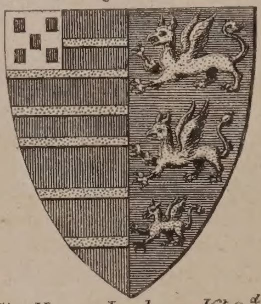

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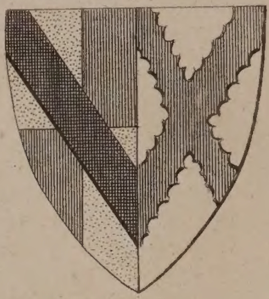

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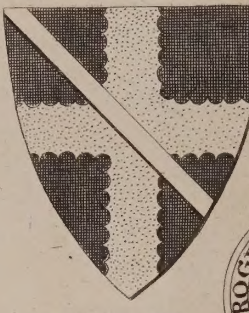

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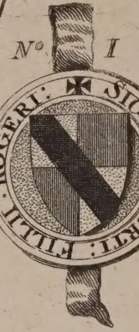

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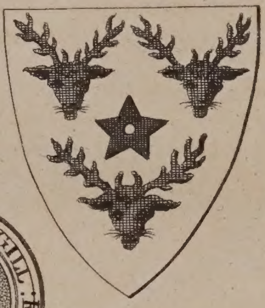

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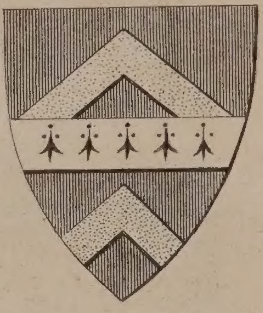

CHENEY, Lord of HORSFORD.

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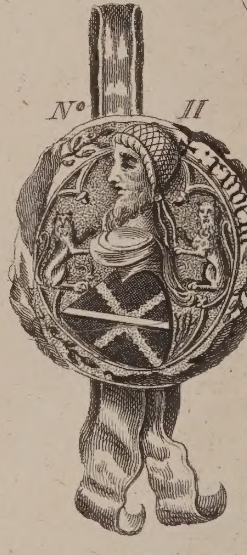

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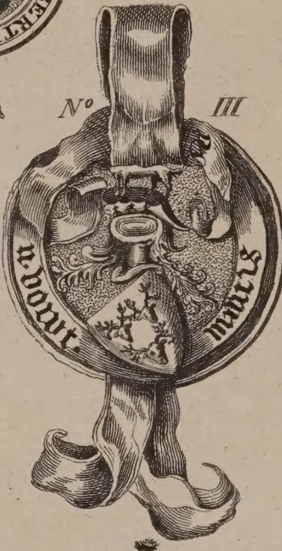

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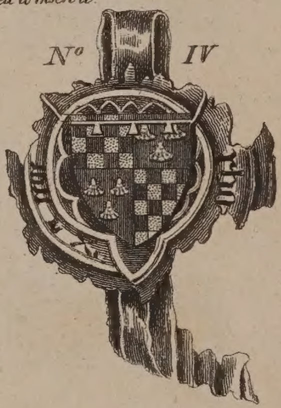

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A Copy of the Seal of ROBERT Fitz ROGER, Sirnamed DE CLAVERING appendant to a Deed dated at Horsford 7th EDW. I Anno 1279.

No II

A Copy of the Seal of Sir ROBERT UFFORD Knight appendant to a Deed dated 15th RICH. II. Anno. 1392.

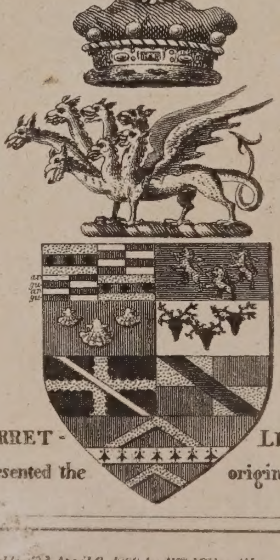
No III

A Copy of a Seal of Sir NICHOLAS BOWETT, Knight. appendant to a Deed dated 6th HEN. V. Anno 1418. He was trustee for AMEY the Wife of Sir WILLIAM BOWETT, Knight, and probably his Elder Brother.

No IV

A Copy of a Seal of Sir THOMAS DACRE Eldest Son of THOMAS LORD DACRE and Husband of ELIZh BOWETT appendant to a Deed dated Temp HEN. VI.

NB The first Quarter is the Arms of VAUX from whom the Barony came.



ARMS OF THOMAS BARRET-LENNARD, *BARON DACRE.*

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HORSHAM ST. FAITH'S,

Priory of Benedictine Monks,

Was dedicated to St. *Faith*, the virgin and martyr, and founded by *Robert de Cadomo*, (or *Caen*,) son of *Walter de Cadomo*, lord of *Horsford*, and *Sibilla* his wife, daughter and heiress of *Ralph de Cheyney* in 1105; on this occasion, (as historians relate,) returning through *France*, from *Rome*, where they had been in pilgrimage, were set upon by robbers, and imprisoned, till by their prayers to God, and St. *Faith*, the virgin, they were miraculously delivered.

After which they visited the shrine of St. *Faith* at the abbey of *Conches* in *France*, and being there kindly entertained, they vowed on their return into *England*, to give their manors of *Horsford*, and *Horsham*, to build a monastery here, in honour of God, and St. *Faith*, which they accordingly performed, placing herein two monks, of the abbey of *Conches*, to which abbey they gave this house as a cell, in the reign of *Henry* I. and *Herbert*, being then Bishop of *Norwich*.

The foundation deed was as follows,

" *In nomine D'nj nostri Jesu Christi, Amen. Notum volumus fieri omnibus fidelibus Christi tam presentibus, quam futuris, quod Ego Robertus Walterj filius, et uxor mea nomine Sibilla edificavimus ecclesiam de Horsham, in propria terrâ, et in honore Dej et Sce Fidis, virginis et martiris remedis et salvatione animarum nostrarum et filiorum nostrorum, et omnium fidelium viventium sive defunctorumq; concedimus, eandem ecclesiam Deo et monachis de Conches in ecclesiâ Sce' Fidis, virginis, et martiris et huic a nobis, edificate ecclesie concedimus ecclesiam de Horsford, ecclesiam de Reydone, ecclesiam de Mor'. ad faciendum anniversarium Sibille uxoris mee, Decimam Abreton, et de Wibetone, et de Wilmordeston, et de Helmingham, et de Flemworth et de Wodetone, et de Semere, et de Bikebrome, et de Resham, et de Forle, et de Weling, et de Stanton, et de Sarlingham, et de Stokes, et de Hertham, et de Hou, et de unoquoq; manerio, unam acram terre ad congruendam Decimam, et concedo de omnibus procurationibus meis, quas fecero in Anglia semper decimas, huic ecclesie. Sciatis insuper quod ego predicta Sibilla concessi terram meam de Radham quam pater meus dedit in liberum maritagium. Sciatis insuper quod ego Robertus Walterj, filius, Sibillâ uxore meâ, Rogero et ceteris filiis meis volentibus, et in hoc bono operantibus predictam ecclesiam de Horsham et supra dicta omnia Deo et beate Fidei de Conches et monachis ejus concessimus et dedimus, ut a Deo, ipsa beatâ virgine intercedente, parent; nost. et nobis, detur venia; et illa que pro-*

misit fidelibus suis, que nec oculus vidit, nec auris audivit, assequamus gaudia. Hec carta facta fuit permissione et affirmatione D'nj Anglorum Henricj Regis, et ordinatione et consensu Herberti, episcopi, si quis autem generis vel successionis mee, vel aliquis alius huic donationj voluerit obesse, noverit se Deo et sanctis suis et Anglorum regi contrarium, nec Christianum sed antechristum esse."

In 1163, the foundation was confirmed by Pope *Alexander* III.

John, son of *Robert,* gave by deed *sans* date 60 acres of land in *Horsford,* and *Horsham,* to the said priory, and confirmed the grant of his father and mother.

William, son of *Robert,* confirmed all the donations of the churches, and the tithes of his father *Robert,* son of *Walter,* and *Sibilla* his mother, in the time of *Eugenius,* the Pope, and King *Stephen.*

Stephen de Cressy, son of *Roger de Cressy,* confirmed the grants of his ancestors, and gave them his wood, called *Suthwod,* in *Horsham,* and pasture for their cattle in his park at *Horsford.*

Robert, son of *Roger,* lord of *Warkworth,* and *Horsford,* confirmed also the same, by deed dated at *Horsford,* on the vigil of St. *Andrew* the Apostle, 1279; witnesses, Sir *John de Vaux,* Sir *Hamon Hauteyn,* Sir *William de St. Omer,* &c.

William, son of *Ralph de Hauvile,* granted by fine in the 12th of *Henry* III. to *Eustachius,* the prior, the mill of *Doketon.*

In the 14th of *Richard* II. the priory was discharged of its subjection to the abbey of *Conches,* and was an *English* priory, and indigena.

The abbot of *Sybton,* paid a pension of — *per ann.* to this priory in 1426.

PRIORS.

Saverinus, occurs prior about 1130.[a]
Bernard, occurs in 1163, and *Deodate,* in 1210.
Eustachius in 1227.
Beringarius, in 1246, &c.
Reymund, in 1281, and 1293.
1313, *Hugh Targe,* presented by the abbot of *Conchis.*
1338, *Pontius de Severa. Ditto.*
1349, *Hugh de Pardinos,* a monk of *Conchis,* presented by Sir *Robert de Benhale.*
Berard Sental, prior.
1356, *Berengar Nathas,* by the abbot, &c. of *Conchis.*
1380, *Thomas de Bertelet,* elected prior by the monks of *Horsham St. Faith's.*
1401, *Jeff. Langele,* by the Bishop of *Norwich,* a lapse.
In 1452, and 1462, *Nicholas,* occurs prior.
Ralph Norwich, in 1463.
John Risley, occurs in 1469, and 1492.
Lancelot Wharton, occurs in 1532.

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[a] Reg. i Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol. 24.

John Salisbury succeeded, who with *John Attimere*, and five other monks resigned this priory to the King, and subscribed to his supremacy *August* 17, 1534; in 1553, here remained in charge 4*l.* in fees, and 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* in an annuity: *Salisbury* was afterwards dean of *Norwich*, and suffragan Bishop of *Thetford*, and bishop of *Man*, in 1570.

It was valued at 162*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.* as *Dugdale*, and at 193*l.* 2*s.* 3½*d.* as *Speed*.

The seal of this priory in 1326, was oblong, of green wax with the image of St. *Faith*, seated under an arch and crowned; near to the head of the image, a dove, and under the image, the prior on his knees.

The site of this priory with the lordship, lands, appropriated rectory, and the rectory and advowson of *Horsford*, were granted about the 36th of *Henry* VIII. to Sir *Richard Southwell* of *Wood-Rising* in *Norfolk*, and *Edward Elrington*.

Richard Southwell, Esq. held it in 1588, who sold it to Sir *Henry Hobart*, the judge, and his son Sir *John* inherited it.

After this in 1707, Sir *Ralph Hare*, Bart. possessed it in right of *Susan* his wife, coheiress of *Walter Narborn*, Esq. and presented to *Horsham* vicarage, and in 1734, *Elizabeth*, lady *Hereford*; after this *Narborn Berkley*, Esq.

In this priory were the guilds of the Holy Rood, and of St. *John* Baptist.

Hugh de Cressi, lord, had a fair, a market, and a prison here, in the 41st of *Henry* III. which fair probably came after to the prior, who in the 14th of *Edward* I. claimed one, by a grant of King *Henry* I. and at this time, here is a considerable fair kept several days; beginning on St. *Faith's* day, *October* 6, where drovers out of *Scotland*, and the north of *England*, bring cattle, and for cheese, butter, &c.

Sir *Henry Inglose* wills in 1451, to be buried in the presbytery, by *Ann* his wife.

In 1528, *Thomas Felmingham*, Gent. of *Hobbeys*, wills to be buried in the priory church before the rood, where *Jesus* mass is kept every *Friday*.

In the 14th of *Henry* III. they had a grant for 2 parts of the advowson of *Tybenham* church, in the 31st of *Henry* III. for the advowson of *Runham*, and in the 34th for that of *Haveringland*.[3]

Several learned *Carmelite* friars were born here:[4] *John de Sancta Fide*, who died 1359. *William de Sancta Fide*, 1372. *Robert de Sancta Fide*, 1386. *Benedict de Sancta Fide*, 1410, and *Peter* 1452.

In this town was also an hospital belonging to the knights of St. *John* of *Jerusalem*, and granted by them to this priory, as appears from the bull of Pope *Alexander* in 1163.

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[3] The founder gave them the patronage of St. Margaret's Moses church in London.

[4] Bale de Sriptor. Britan. 136, 156, 441, 478, 593.

HORSTEAD.

At the survey this was the lordship of the Conqueror, and *William de Noiers* took care of it for that King, of which *Stigand*, the Bishop of *Canterbury*, (who held it as a lay fee,) was deprived; here were 4 carucates of land, 19 villains, 9 borderers, 8 servi, 5 carucates in demean, and 10 among the tenants, with 12 acres of meadow, &c. 3 mills, 1 runcus, and 2 cows, &c. 20 sheep and 30 goats, one skep of bees, and 18 socmen belonged to it, who held 3 carucates of land, which were delivered to *Robert Blancard*, and at the survey, belonged to the fee of *Roger* of *Poictiers*.[5]

This manor remained in the Crown till King *William* II. granted it to the nunnery of the Holy Trinity of *Caen* in *Normandy*, founded by his mother *Maud*, queen consort of King *William* I. and confirmed by King *Henry* I. but the socmen abovementioned, added to the fee of *Roger* of *Poictiers* belonged to this manor of *Spikesworth*.

Cecilia, the eldest daughter of the Conqueror, sister to King *William* II. and *Henry* I. was abbess of *Caen*.

In the 3d year of *Edward* I. the abbess of *Caen*, as lady of this manor, was found to have appropriated the bank of the river, from the house of *Nicholas de Horstede*, to the mill of the said abbess; and in the 15th of that King, she claimed free-warren, view of frank pledge, assise of bread, &c. a tumbrell, soc and sac, tol, infangthef, &c. and in 1428, the temporalities of this abbey were valued at 20*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* *ob. per ann.*

This priory was dissolved in the 2d of *Henry* V. among other alien priories, and so came to the Crown, and Sir *Thomas Erpingham* having a grant of it for life, died possessed of it in the 6th of *Henry* VI. the said King in his 19th year, on his foundation of his college of St. *Mary*, and St *Nicholas* (now called King's College) in *Cambridge*, gave it to that society, who are the present lords and patrons.

In this parish is a river that runs underground about a furlong, and over it the land is ploughed.

Here was also a little fee called *Cattes*: *Henry Catte* had a charter of free-warren in his demeans here, in *Heveningham*, and *South Walsham*, in the 10th of *Edward* II.

Sir *Thomas Wyndham*, conveyed by fine, a moiety of the manor of *Cattes* to *Elizabeth Yaxley*, in the 11th of *Henry* VIII.

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[5] Terra Stigandi Epi. quas custodit W. de Noiers, in manu Regis——Horsteda ten. Stigand. T.R.E. iiii car. tre. t'nc xviiii vill. p'. et mo. xvi semp. ix bor. t'nc. viii s p'. et mo. iiii semp. ii car. in d'nio t nc. x car. hom. p. et mo. vi et xii ac. p'ti silva LX por. semp. iii mol. et i r. et ii an. et vii por. et xx ov. t'nc. xxx cap. mo. XL et semp. i vasa apum. t'nc. jacebant huic manerio xviii soc. de iii car. tre. qui fuer. libati. Rob'to Blancardo mo. su't ad feudu' Rog. Pictaviensis.

Sir *Edmund Thimblethorp* died possessed of it in 1613, as did *Barbara* his daughter and heir, under age, in the 17th of King *James* I.

Roger Townsend, son of *Thomas Townsend* of *Testerton,* Esq. had a lordship here, by *Anne* his wife, daughter of *Edward Morisoon,* of *Lincolnshire,* Esq. had *Thomas,* his son, who married *Bridget,* daughter of Sir *Charles le Gross* of *Crostwick,* who died *s. p.* 1662: *Anne* his second wife, was daughter of *Nevill Cradock,* Gent. of *Kent.*

This *Thomas* sold it to *Thomas Ayde,* Gent. father of *John Ayde,* Esq. of *Lincoln's Inn,* living in 1694, and had a grant of arms from Sir *Edward Walker* (garter) *or,* a fess counterembattled, between three lions heads, *azure;* and married *Elizabeth,* daughter of *Nathan Knevit,* Gent. in 1666, whose son was lord in 1729.

The tenths were 4*l.* 18*s.*

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to *All-Saints,* and was valued at 20 marks.

The abbess of *Caen* had a portion of tithe valued at 5 marks and a half.—*Peter*-pence 11*d.;* carvage 6*d. ob.* and the patronage was in that abbey: the present valor is 7*l.* 10*s.* and pays first-fruits, &c. the provost and fellows of King's college are patrons.

RECTORS.

In 1300, *Walter de Reymes* instituted, presented by the proctor of the abbess, &c. of *Caen.*

1334, *William de Yateminster. Ditto.*

1349, *Roger de Chesterfield,* by the King, the temporalities of that abbey then in the King.

1351, *Richard de Chesterfield. Ditto.*

Thomas Herteskeyn, rector.

1397, *Henry Randolf.*

John Clerk, rector.

1444, *Hugh Vowet,* by the provost and fellows of St. *Mary's* College of *Eaton.*

Walter Attewell, rector, &c.

Wellys, presented in 1447, by *ditto.*

1476, Mr. *Henry Falk,* decret. doctor, by King's College, *Cambridge.*

1484, *William Boun. Ditto.*

1505, *John Jerveys, B.A.*

1520, *Nicholas Colborn.*

1535, *Steph. Ferne.*

1554, *John Cocke.*

1556, *Richard Dixon.*

1571, *Nicholas Ayland,* by the promotion of the last incumbent, presented by the Queen.

1608, *Richard Sutton, S. T. B.* by King's college.

1619, *Henry Howgrave, S.T.B.*

George Goud, compounded for his first fruits in *May* 1646.

Thomas Jenner, occurs rector in 1657.

1658, *Grindal Sheaf, S.T.P.*

1661, *Dan. Warren.*
1700, *John Layton.*
1728, *Gilbert Borroughs,* by King's college.
1740, *Robert Parr,* rector. *Ditto.*
1760, *Thomas Carter,* on the death of Mr. *Parr,* by the provost, &c. of King's College, *Cambridge.*
1760, *William Hanmer* (on *Carter's* death). *Ditto.*

On a gravestone in the chancel,

Hic jacet Ric Sutton, S. T. B. rector hujus ecclesiæ, qui per decem annos dum hic vixit doctrinâ, et exemplo vitæ integerrimæ, docebat et ducebat populum, ob. Apr. 16, 1619.

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In memory of Elizabeth, wife of Ralph Ward, the elder, Gent. daughter of Thomas Croft, Esq; who died Feb. 14, 1649, *aged* 77, and these arms, *Ward, azure,* a cross, between four eaglets displayed, *argent;* crest, a doe couchant, impaling quarterly, p. fess indented, *azure* and *or,* a lion passant guardant of the 2d in the first quarter, crest, a lion passant, guardant, *Crofts.*

Here lies interred Muryel, the wife of Ralph, son of Ralph Ward Gent. daughter of Sir Charles Le Grose, Kt. who dyed July 7, 1652, *aged* 24.——*Ward* impaling *Le Grose.*

Audrey Horsnell, wife of Geo. Horsnell, Gent. deceased March 5, 1644.

Hic jacet expectans resurrectionem justorum corpus Joh. Townshend, Generosi, filij primo geniti Rogerj Townshend, armig. et Elizabe. uxoris suæ, qui expiravit animam, 29 *Decem.* 16--, *ætat.* 45; and the arms of *Townsend.*

Hic secundum Christi redemptoris adventum in expectat. requiescit Henricus Warde de Horstead in comit. Norf. generosus filius et hære Ric. Warde de Golston in comit. Suff. gener. ex Anna, filia et cohærede Ric. Gonvile, Armig. duxit uxorem Annam, filiam Tho. Crofts de Felmingham in comit. Norf. Armig. ex Anna, filia Joh. Townsend, filia primogeniti Rogerj Townsend, Militis, ex Alianora, filia Joh. Heydon, Militis; qui pietate, probitate, candore animi et affectu, temperantia spectatissimus. Politioris literaturæ studijs excultus, postquam diu firma valetudine animi et corporis, in hujus mundi diversorio versatus esset, tandem senio confectus Deo animam placide reddit, 4°. *die Martij* 1645, *ætat.* 85;—and this shield, on a brass plate, *Ward* and *Gonville,* (*argent* on a chevron between two couple closes indented, *sable,* three escallops, *or*) quarterly, impaling *Crofts.*

Brigetta filia admodum dilecta Caroli Grose, Militis, uxor desideratissima Tho. Townshend de Horstead, Gen. quæ languentj morbo graviter afflicta et tandem consumpta, fide tamen et patientia invicta animam in gremium Christj salvatoris alacriter resignavit 7°. *die Feb.* 1662, *ætat.* 36, and this shield, *Townsend,* impaling *Le Groos.*

Interred here Nicholas doth rest,
Whose surname hight hylande,
He painfull pastor at the last,
Years forty fowre did stand.
Whose vertues cause him live, though he,
From mortal eyes, heer hydeen be.

Obt. Jan. 14, 1607, *ætat.* 66.

Robert and Cecil, sons of Cecil Tircehit, Esq; and Ann his wife, died Oct. 7, 1746.

Ann, daughter of Thomas Waller, Esq; and Elizabeth his wife, died July 26, 1637.

Ann, daughter of John Townsend, Gent. and Frances his wife, died Feb. 17, 1636.

Frances Townsend, wife of John Townsend, Gent. died Oct. 26, 1637, *in the 23d year of her age.*

The roof of the church is ornamented with black eagles, the arms of the Emperor of *Germany*.

In the church was the light of King *Henry* VI. who was esteemed as a saint, as appears from the will book, called *Register Wight, Norw. p.* 499.

Alice Cook of *Horstede,* wife of *Robert Cook,* wills to be buried in the churchyard of *Horstede*.

Item. I will have a man for to go these pylgrymages:—To our lady of *Refham.*—To *Seynt Spyrite.*—To St. *Parnell* of *Stratton.*—To St. *Leonard,* without *Norwich.*—To St. *Wandrede* of *Byskeley.*—To St. *Margaret* of *Horsted.*—To our Lady of Pity of *Horsted.*—To St. *John's* head of *Trymingham,* and to the Holy Rode of *Crosteweyt.*—*Reg. Caston, Norw. fol.* 71.

The prior of *Westacre* had a patent in the 15th of *Edward* II. for a messuage, 80 acres of land, 4 of meadow, 40 of heath, and 15*s.* rent, in *Narford,* purchased of *John de Horstead*.

RACKHEATH MAGNA.

THERE were formerly two distinct towns, one called *Great Rackheath*, the other *Little Rackheath*, and each village had its church.

The principal lordship was in the King at the survey, and *Godric* was steward of it and took care of it for him ; 3 freemen were deprived of it, who held 3 carucates of land, with 3 villains, 12 borderers, and 4 servi ; and there were 5 carucates and 7 acres of meadow, valued then at 20*s.* but at the survey at 60*s.* it was one leuca long, and 8 furlongs broad, paid 15*d.* gelt, and 9 freemen in *Beeston* had 40 acres, and a carucate in the said value, belonging to this lordship, of which the King and the Earl had the soc.[6]

A family who took their name from the town seem to have had the chief part of the abovementioned fee in the 8th year of King *Richard* I. when *Peter*, son of *Geffrey* was lord.

Eudo de Racheia, *Geffrey*, and *Simon* his brothers, then conveyed to *Peter*, and his heirs, the advowson of the church of *Racheia* by fine ; and in the fourth of King *John*, a fine was levied of lands here between *Geff.* son of *Alice*, petent, and *William de Rakeia*, tenant.

After this *William de Rackheath* and *Ellen* his wife had settled on them, by their trustees, 18 messuages, 186 acres of land, 2 of meadow, 4 of pasture, 2 of turbary, 20 of heath, and 6*s.* 7*d.* *ob.* rent in this town, *Wroxham*, *Plumstead*, and *Thorp*.

In the 37th of *Henry* III. *Robert de Bruys* had a charter for free-warren here and in *Runham*.

In the year 1300, *Simon Est*, presented to the church of *All-Saints* in *Rackheath Magna*, who, as I take it, was lord, and held it of the honour of *Clare*, being granted to the *Giffards*, Earls of *Bucks*, soon after the survey ; one of the same name held of *Adam de Lyons*, a lordship in *Helmingham*, of the said honour.

In 1315, *Andrew de Yelverton* was lord, and in the 4th of *Henry* IV. *Thomas But*, citizen of *Norwich*, and *Joan* his wife, conveyed the manor of *Blakenham-hall* in this town, with 7*s.* rent, &c. by fine to *John Yelverton*, Esq. who presented to the church of *All-Saints*, in *Rackheath* in 1396.

His son, *Robert Yelverton*, Esq. lord of *Rackheath*, by his will in 1420, gives to *Margery* his wife, all the necessary utensils of his houses, beds, nappery, jewels, &c. all his lands, tenements, rents and services, late his father *John's* in *Rackheath Magna* and *Parva*,

[6] Tra' Regis quam Godric' servat—In Racheisham iii lib. ho's iii car. tre et iii vill. et xii bor. t'nc. iiii serv. t'nc. v car. p'. et mo. iiii et vii ac. p'ti. t'nc. val. xx sol. mo. LX ht. i leug. in long. et viii quar. in lat. et xvd. de gelto. hic jacent ix lib. ho'es in Besetuna de XL ac. sep. i car. et st. in eode p'tio. Rex et Comes socam.

Yelverton and *Saxthorp*, with the advowson of *All-Saints* church in *Rackheath Magna* for life, for her support and her children, and after her decease to *Thomas* her son, under age, and appoints her executor.

Margery, his widow, seems to have remarried *William Clopton:* in 1422, the said *William* and *Margery* presented to the church of *All-Saints*, as *Thomas* her son did in 1435.

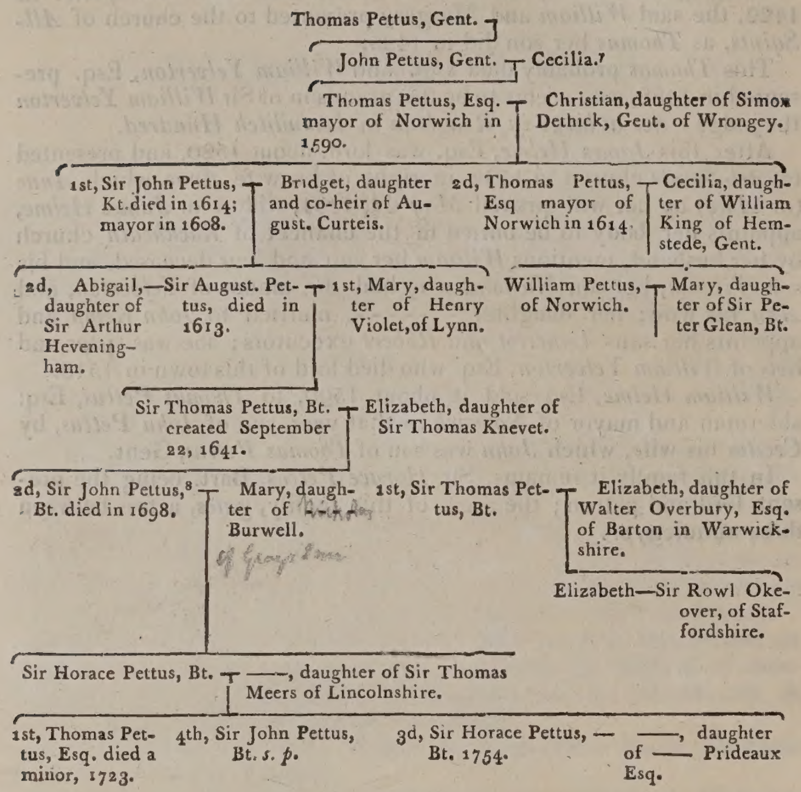
This *Thomas* probably died *s. p.* and *William Yelverton*, Esq. presented in 1488, who seems to be the grandson of Sir *William Yelverton* the judge: *See at large in Rougham in Launditch Hundred.*

After this *James Helme*, Esq. was lord, about 1520, and presented to *All-Saints* church in 1532 in right of his wife *Anne*, which *Anne* (or *Amy*) by her will proved *May* 22, 1551, widow of *James Helme*, appoints her body to be buried in the chancel of *Rackheath* church by her husband, mentions *William* her son and heir deceased, and his son *William*, her son *Nicholas* who had the manor of *Yelverton*, and *Ann* his wife; her daughter - -----, married to *John Kemp*, and appoints her sons *Lancelot* and *Robert* executors; she was sister and heir of *William Yelverton*, Esq. who died lord of this town in 1518.

William Helme, Esq. sold it about 1590, to *Thomas Pettus*, Esq. alderman and mayor of *Norwich* in that year, son of *John Pettus*, by *Cecilia* his wife, which *John* was son of *Thomas Pettus*, Gent.

In this family it remains, Sir *Horace Pettus*, Bart. being the present lord and patron; the arms of this family, *gules*, a fess between three annulets, *or*.

PETTUS'S PEDIGREE.



Thomas Pettus, Gent.

John Pettus, Gent. — Cecilia.[7]

Thomas Pettus, Esq. mayor of Norwich in 1590. — Christian, daughter of Simon Dethick, Gent. of Wrongey.

1st, Sir John Pettus, Kt. died in 1614; mayor in 1608. — Bridget, daughter and co-heir of August. Curteis.

2d, Thomas Pettus, Esq mayor of Norwich in 1614. — Cecilia, daughter of William King of Hemstede, Gent.

2d, Abigail, daughter of Sir Arthur Heveningham.—Sir August. Pettus, died in 1613. — 1st, Mary, daughter of Henry Violet, of Lynn.

William Pettus, of Norwich. — Mary, daughter of Sir Peter Glean, Bt.

Sir Thomas Pettus, Bt. created September 22, 1641. — Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Knevet.

2d, Sir John Pettus,[8] Bt. died in 1698. — Mary, daughter of ~~——~~ Nicholas Burwell. of Grays Inn

1st, Sir Thomas Pettus, Bt. — Elizabeth, daughter of Walter Overbury, Esq. of Barton in Warwickshire.

Elizabeth—Sir Rowl Okeover, of Staffordshire.

Sir Horace Pettus, Bt. — ——, daughter of Sir Thomas Meers of Lincolnshire.

1st, Thomas Pettus, Esq. died a minor, 1723.

4th, Sir John Pettus, Bt. *s. p.*

3d, Sir Horace Pettus, Bt. 1754. — ——, daughter of —— Prideaux Esq.

In the 6th of King *John*, *Walter de Evermue*, and his parceners, held lands to the value of 16*l.* here, &c. by serjeanty, and the payment of 2 measures of red wine, and 200 pearmains yearly into the exchequer, on the feast of St. *Michael*, and in the 53d of *Henry* III. *Rohesia de Blakenham* granted by fine to *Robert de Martham* a windmill in *Rackheath Magna*, with the whole suit of all her men, paying one mark *per ann.* for ever, *Robert* agreeing that she and her heirs, and the whole family living in her court, and belonging to her, or her heirs, should have the first grinding thereat and toll free, as often as they sent any of their family to the mill, and if denied, they might distreyn *Robert* on his land in *Rackheath Magna*, and *Martham*.

In the 4th of *Edward* I. *Benedict de Blakenham* of *Blakenham* in

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[7] In her will, dated 1542, she names John Capon her brother, appoints John, her husband, executor, proved in June following——Reg. Cooke, Norw. p. 45.

[8] He married Mary, sister of Sir Geff. Burwell, of Rougham. Dau of Nicholas Burwell

Suffolk, purchased by fine of *Jeff. Fitz Peter* and *Joan* his wife, 2 messuages and 40 acres of land, &c. with 20*s.* rent in *Rackheath Magna* and *Parva.*

John de St. Philibert, in the 10th of *Edward* II. was found to have a lordship here, and in the following year had a charter for free-warren here, in *Eton, Hanney, Soleham, Hide,* and *Kerswell,* in *Berkshire;—Thomson,* and *Suthorp* in *Gloucestershire;—Westwell,* and *Adwell* in *Oxfordshire;—Leghes Parva* in *Essex;—Lackford, Cheleswort,* and *Flemton* in *Suffolk.*

He was son of *Hugh de St. Philibert*, lord of *Bray* in *Berkshire,* and of *Beacham-Well* in *Norfolk,* brother, as I take it, of *Roger de St. Philibert,* whose daughter and heir *Beatrix* married *Stephen de Scalarijs,* or *de Scales,* between whom and *Hugh* a fine was levied of the moiety of *Beacham-Well* manor, in the 13th of *Henry* III.

The said *Roger* and *Hugh* seem to be sons of *Hugh de St. Philibert* who was living in the 3d of King *John,* and *Albreda* his widow had her thirds assigned her in the 3d of *Henry* III.

Some make *John de St. Philibert* to be son of *Hugh de Philibert,* lord of *Bray* in the 3d of *Edward* I. son of *Roger,* who was living in the 47th of *Henry* III. and *Roger* to be son of *Hugh,* living in the 10th of the said King, and *Hugh* to be son of *Nicholas,* living in the 15th of King *John.*

About these times *Pain de St. Philibert* was also living, who with *Ysolda* his wife, granted to *William de Pakeham,* a messuage and tenement in the village of *Thorp,* with all the demean lands, advowson, homages, &c. of the freemen, and villains, to be held by them, by one pair of gloves of the value of 1*d.*—witnesses, *Robert de Wyke, Adam de Gatesthorp, Thomas de Pakeham, Robert de Naketon, John de Weyland, Thomas,* his brother, *Richard de Boyland,* &c. *sans date.*

John de St. Philibert abovementioned, lord of this town, held in the 16th of *Edward* II. the lands that were late *Benedict de Blakenham's,* and *Joan* his wife, daughter and heir of *William de Hasting;* and in the said year paid relief 100*s.* for the manor of *Thormeton* and its members in *Gloucestershire:* he married *Ada,* by whom he had *Thomas.*

In the 3d of *Edward* III. *Henry Parson* of *Soleham* in *Berkshire,* as a trustee, settled on *John* and *Ada,* and *Thomas* their son, the said manor, with that of *Le Hyde.*

On the death of this *John,* in the 7th of *Edward* III. *John* was found to be his son and heir aged 6 years, and had livery of his inheritance in the 21st of that King; he married *Margaret,* daughter and coheir of *Edmund de St. John,* son of *Hugh de St. John,* lord of *Basing,* and being a knight, was summoned to parliament in the following year, as lord of *Basing,* and was major of *Bourdeaux* in *France,* and a partition was then made of the inheritance of the lord of St. *John,* between Sir *John,* who married *Margaret* the eldest sister, and *Luke de Poynings,* who married *Isabel* a younger sister of *Edmund de St. John* aforesaid, and *Amicia,* another sister.

Edmund dying seized of *Basing, Shernborn, Chanyton,* and *Warneford* in *Hampshire.*

Sir *John,* in the 23d of the said King, conveyed by fine to *John de Foxley, Richard de Bittering,* and *John de Askham,* the lordship of *Rackheath,* with the services of divers persons, said to be held in soccage of *Runham* manor; about the same time he also conveyed to the King, his lordships of *Bray* and *Kerswell,* and the King in his 26th year, granted them to the college of *Windsor.*

In the 25th of that reign, Sir *John* sold to *William de Edyngdon* Bishop of *Winchester,* the manors of *Westwell* in *Oxfordshire,* with that of *Thurmarton,* and its advowson in *Gloucestershire,* for 200 marks, and his lordship of *Chelesworth* in *Suffolk,* to Sir *Roger de Plays,* and sealed with bendy of six, *argent* and *sable:* he died in the 33d of *Edward* III. without issue.

Sir *Henry Inglos,* by his will, dated the 29th of *Henry* VI. and proved *July* 4, 1451,[9] orders his manor in *Rackheath* to be sold, for the good of his soul.

After this it came to the family of *Helmes,* &c. *William Helme* was lord in the year 1570, and in the 18th of *Elizabeth,* in consideration of the council of his lawyer, *(Edward Flowerdew,* Esq.*)* granted him an annuity of 40*s. per ann.* out of his manors and lands in *Sallows, Rackheath, Roxham,* and *Sprouston* for life; this *William* sold it with the manor before mentioned, about 1590, to *Thomas Pettus,* Esq. who in the said year is said to be lord of *Blakenham,* and *Burwood* manors in *Rackheath, Sprouston, Wroxham,* &c. whose descendant, Sir *Horace Pettus,* Bart. is the present lord.

Ralph de Beaufoe had the grant of a small fee held by 3 freemen in the Confessor's time, when there belonged to it 20 acres, and 3 borderers, with a carucate.[1]

Ralph de Beaufoe had a daughter and heiress *Agnes,* who brought it to *Hubert de Rie,* castellan of *Norwich* castle; whose descendant, *Hubert de Rie,* baron of *Rie,* dying in the 18th of *Henry* II. left two daughters and coheirs, *Oliva* married to *John Marshal,* nephew to the Earl of *Pembroke,* and *Isabel,* the wife of *Roger de Cressi,* as may be seen at large in *Swanton Morley.*

This *Roger* was son of *Hugh de Cressi,* by *Margaret* his wife, daughter and coheiress of *William de Cheyney; Margaret* had an interest here as appears from her grant of lands here, and in *Wroxham,* to the prioress of *Carhow,* by *Norwich,* in the reign of *Henry* II. which descended to her from her father, who was lord of *Wroxham,* which manor extended into this town.

William de Cheney is said to have a grant of this town from King *Stephen,* with the town of *Hingham: Madox Formul.* 154.

In the 3d of *Henry* III. a fine was levied at *Ivelchester,* (before *Joceline* Bishop of *Bath,* and *Glastonbury,* ---------, *Robert de Cardiman, John de Brius, Osbert Fitz Walter,* and *John de Bajocis,* justices itinerant) between *Walter de Cadomo* and *Mary* his wife, petents, and *Robert de Norfolk,* her son, tenent, of one hide of land in *Rechiche,* wherein *Robert* acknowledges the said land to be the right of *Mary,* and the said *Walter* and *Mary,* grant it to *Robert* and his heirs, to be held of them, and the payment of one mark, *viz.* half a mark at St. *Michaelmas* and half at *Easter,* by the 20th part of a fee, and the said *Robert* and his heirs were to pay the same to *Agatha,* late wife of *Gilbert de Norfolk* for her life, and the said *Robert* quit claimed for himself and heirs, to *Walter* and *Mary,* all his right in the land of

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[9] Reg. Beling. f. 62.

[1] Terra R. de Bellofago —— In Racheia iii lib. ho's xx ac. et iii bor. t'nc, i car. p'. et mo. dim.

Kirkeby in *Norfolk,* which was his mother *Mary's,* daughter of *Alexander Fitz Tebauld.*

In the 18th of *Edward* I. *John de Hecham* had the King's license to give to the said priory, lands and tenements in this town, *Bastwick, Crostweyt,* &c. valued at 5 marks *per ann.* and held of the prioress by 18*s.* rent *per ann.*

The temporalities of this priory in this town were valued in 1428, at 41*s.* 3*d.*

The abbot of St. *Bennet* of *Holm,* had also an interest here, 30 acres and a carucate, of which a freeman was deprived at the Conquest, with 2 acres of meadow, which land was purchased by a certain monk, for half a mark of gold, of *Alwi de Colechester,* (who had the care of it,) so that he held it without the King's license, it was valued at 16*d. per ann.*[2]

The monk here mentioned, was a monk of St. *Bennet,* and it continued in that abbey.

Lands and pastures in the tenure of *William Helmes,* late belonging to *Carhow,* granted to Sir *Miles Corbet, July* 13, *A°.* 3 of King *James* I.

RACKHEATH PARVA.

The lordship of this village seems to have been in the *Constables,* lords of *Melton.*

Edith, daughter and coheir to her brother *Geff.* son of *Peter le Constable,* recovered the right of patronage of *Rackey Parva* church, in the 7th of *Edward* I. and the patronage remained in the family in 1407.

The tenths were 2*l.* 6*s.*—Deducted 8*s.*

The Church of *Rackheath Magna,* is a rectory dedicated to *All-Saints,* anciently valued at 7 marks, paid *Peter*-pence 10*d.*—Carvage 3*d. ob.* the present valor is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and is discharged.

RECTORS.

In 1300, *Robert Est,* instituted, presented by *Sim Est.*
1306, *Sim. le Doo,* by *Sim. Est* of *Swanington.*
1322, *John de Attlebrigg,* by *Richard Est,* and *John Doo.*

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[2] Terra S'ci Benedicti de Hulmo—— In Racheia lib. ho'. xxx ac. T.R.E. t'c. i car. mo d. ii ac. pti. val. xvid. hec t'ra forisfacta e. t. r. Willi. s. q' da'. monach. dedit dim. marca'. auri p. forisfactura p' positis. scil. Aluuj de Colechestra et sic habuit terra' absq; licentia. regis.

1349, *Thomas de Middleton*, by the guardian of *Alice*, daughter of *Roger Este*, deceased.

1361, *Robert de Stodeye*, by *Richard Lyons*.

Walter, son of *Gilbert de Tilney*.

1383, *Robert de Berneby*, by *John Christian* of *Colchester*.

1386, *Robert Jolyff*. *Ditto*.

1396, *Thomas de Bergh Magna*, by *John Yelverton*, and *Roger de Martham*.

1422, *John Cool*, by *William Clopton* and *Margery* his wife.

1435, *James Foliard*, by *Thomas*, son and heir of *Robert Yelverton*, deceased.

1488, *Thomas Reade*, by *William Yelverton*, Esq.

1513, *John Chapman*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1532, *Nicholas Smithe*, by *James Helme*, Esq. in right of his wife.

1553, *John Byster*, by the guardian of *William Helme*, heir of *Anne Helme*.

1555, *John Younge*, by *John Mynne*, guardian of *William Helme*, a minor.

1562, *John Burnham*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1569, *Ambr. Palmer*, by *Thomas Pigeon*, guardian of *William*, heir of *William Helme*, deceased.

1583, *John Greenwood*, by *William Helme*, Gent.

1587, *Thomas Mellis*, by *Katherine*, wife of *William Helme*, Esq. who was beyond sea.

1591, *Edward Parris*, by *Thomas Pettus*, citizen and alderman of *Norwich*.

1629, *Henry Narford*, by *Thomas Pettus*, Esq.

1638, *John Schambler*, *S.T.B.* *Ditto*.

David Lentron, rector.

1671, *William Ostler*, by Sir *Thomas Pettus*, Bart.

1686, *Richard Dix*, by Sir *John Pettus*, Bart.

1711, *John Reddington*, by Sir *Horace Pettus*, Bart.

1739, *John Freeman*, by Sir *John Pettus*.

In this church was the chapel of St. *Mary*.—The lights of St. *Mary*, *All-Saints*, and St. *Thomas*, and St. *John Baptist's* guilds.

The church of *Rackheath Parva*, was a rectory, dedicated to the Holy Trinity, the ancient valor was 5 marks, carvage 3*d*. This has been consolidated long since to the church of *All-Saints Rackheath Magna*.

In the 9th of *Richard* I. *Roger de Gisnei*, impleaded *William de Repham* for the right of the advowson of the church of *Rackey*, and in the 5th of King *John*, an assise was brought to show if *Walter de Evermow* had disseised *Roger de Gisney* of lands here.

In the 7th year of *Edward* I. *Edith*, daughter of *Peter le Constable*, lord of *Melton* in *Norfolk*, sister and coheir of *Jeffrey le Constable*, recovered the presentation of the church of the Holy Trinity of *Rackey Parva*, against *William*, son of *Alexander de Refham*; this *Edith* was then the wife of Sir *Thomas Astley*, and held the lordship of *Rackeath Parva*.

RECTORS.

In 1300, *John de Middleton,* instituted, presented by the Bishop, a lapse.

1305, *Richard de Hedersete,* by *Steph. de Astle.*
1316, *William de Runton. Ditto.*
1324, *Richard Pycot,* by *Thomas de Astle.*
1326, *Miles de Disce,* by *Thomas de Astele.*
1329, *Sim. Mutin. Ditto.*
1329, *John Goodrich,* by *Thomas de Astele.*
1331, *John de Claxton. Ditto.*
1334, *William Neel. Ditto.*
John Brichill, rector.
1340, *John Fulford,* by *Thomas Astele.*
1342, *William de Westwick,* by Sir *Ralph de Astele.*
1349, *Walter de Soterle. Ditto.*
1357, *John Staloun,* by *John Berney,* who purchased this turn.
1381, *John de Rugham,* by Sir *Thomas de Astele.*
1383, *Matthew Fewell. Ditto.*
1395, *John Nicholas,* by the Bishop, a lapse.
1399, *Edmund Pelse,* by *Thomas Asteley.*
1401, *John Camplyon. Ditto.*
1402, *William Bette,* by *Thomas Astele.*
1406, *John Hull,* by *Thomas Astele,* Esq.
1407, *Laur. Briston. Ditto.*

Soon after it was consolidated to the church of *Rackheath Magna.*

The town of *Rackheath,* called in *Domesday Book, Ra-Cheisham,* and *Racheia,* seems to be derived from some stream, called *Ra;* thus *Raby* in *Durham; Rackenford* in *Devonshire; Rayleigh* in *Essex,* &c.

SALLOWES,

A HAMLET TO WROXHAM: *See there.*

SPIXWORTH.

Roger of *Poictiers* had a grant of this lordship, and enfeoffed *Albert*, one of his dependants, herein, who held it of him at the survey; of this *Roger* see in *Fretenham.*

Suart, a freeman, held it under *Harold*, in the time of the Confessor, and had 2 carucates of land, 10 villains, and 3 borderers; there were then 2 carucates in demean, &c. and one among the tenants, with 6 acres of meadow, a mill, 10 swine, 193 sheep. Here were also 6 freemen of *Stigand* the archbishop, who had a carucate (the 6 freemen had a carucate also of *Stigand*, in *Crostwick);* these were added by *Robert Blancar* in the reign of the Conqueror; 4 villains belonged to it, with 2 carucates and 4 acres of meadow; the whole was always valued at 4*l.*; it was one leuca and a half long, and one broad, paid 10*d.* gelt, *Stigand* had the soc, but *Roger* had it with the land.[3]

Peter Bardolf was lord in the 1st year of King *John*, as appears by a fine, and in the 3d of *Henry* III. *Peter* granted to *Robert Palmer* 24 acres of land, to be held of him by the rent of 3*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* and 6*d.* scutage to the King, when it was at 20*s.* and more if it exceeded that, and less if less, in proportion, and for this he paid to *Peter* 3 marks of silver.

In the 52d of the said King, *Thomas*, son of *William Bardolf*, was lord, and granted an annuity of 20 marks to *Robert le Povre* out of it, and the manor of *West-Winch*, for life, on his sale of *Fretenham* lordship, to *Thomas*; he was lord in the 10th of *Edward* I. when the jury, on the death of *Robert de Grelley*, lord of *Tunsted*, present that he held here half a fee of the manor of *Tunsted*, and the payment of 6 marks *per ann.* rent, and in the 14th of that King, he claimed view of frank pledge, the assise, &c. here, and in *Frekenham*, which his ancestors had time immemorial.

This *Thomas Bardolf* left a daughter *Joan*, by *Cecilia* his wife, which *Joan*, about the 10th of *Edward* II. conveyed her right to *John Bardolf*, and in the 17th of the said King, this lordship was settled by fine on the said *John* and *Catherine*, or *Christian* his wife and their heirs, and left *Thomas*, a son and heir, a minor in 1354, who presented to *Fretenham* in 1372.

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[3] Terre que fuer'. Rogeri Pictaviensis ——Spike Suurda, ten. Albt. quam. ten. Suart. lib. ho'. sub Heroldo T.R.E. ii car. tre. tc. x vill. p'. et mo. iiii sep. iii bor. tc. et p'. ii car. in d'nio. mo nulla. tc. i car. hou'. p'. et mo. dim. et vi ac. p'ti. sep. i mol. tc. x por. tc. CLXXXXIIII ov. mo. xiii ov. In Spikesuurda ide' vi lib. ho'es i car. Stigandi q's. addidit Rob. Blanca. te'pe. regis W. sep. iiii vill. tc' ii car. p'. et mo. i et iiii ac. p'ti. et totu' val. sep. iiii lib. et ht. i leug. et dim. in long. et i leug. in lat. et xd de gelto. Stigand. habuit socam, et Rog. eam ten. tra.

Thomas Bardolf and *Alice* his wife were living in 1480, and by his will dated *April* 20, 1383, and proved *September* 23, following, requires to be buried in the church of *Spikesworth*.

Thomas Bardolf was lord in 1402, and presented to this church, as he did in 1416.

In 1451, *Agnes*, widow of *Oliver Bardolf*, presented.

In 1458, *John Skerning*, Esq. who with *Margaret* his wife had a right in this lordship, and *Fretenham*, as a coheiress, probably a descendant of *Oliver Bardolf (see in Fretenham)*: he also presented in 1461.

In 1474, *William Catfield* of *Hadesco Thorp*, by his will dated *January* 14, and proved in *July* 1475, bequeaths the lordship of *Spixworth*, after the space of 20 years, and the death of *Alice* his wife, to the right heirs of the said manor.

Soon after it came to the *Southwells* of *Wood-Rising*, and *Richard Southwell*, Esq. was lord, and presented in 1485.

Sir *Robert Southwell* died possessed of it in the 6th of *Henry* VIII. and left it to his nephew *Richard Southwell*, Esq. (then a minor) son and heir of his brother *Francis Southwell*, Esq. being held of the dutchy of *Lancaster*; afterwards this *Richard* was knighted, became a great courtier, and statesman, and left by *Mary* his second wife, a son, *Richard Southwell*, Esq. who presented as lord in 1567, and 1570.

From the *Southwells* it came to *William Peck*, Esq.[4] who was lord, and presented in 1612; the assignees of *Thomas Peck*, his son, presented in 1643, and in 1675, *Thomas Peck*; in 1688, *Thomas Peck* and *Edmund Themilthorp*.

After this it was sold to the *Longes*.

Francis Longe, Esq. was lord and patron in 1704, and *Francis Longe*, Esq. in 1729.

Francis Longe, Esq. who purchased it about 1690, was younger son of *Robert Longe*, Esq. of *Reymerston*, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Francis Bacon*, a justice of the King's Bench.

The tenths were 1*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*—The temporalities of St. *Faith's* priory 6*s.*

The Church is a rectory dedicated to St. *Peter*; the old valor was 11 marks, and the abbey of St. *Martin de Sez*, or *Sees*,[5] in *Normandy*, had a portion of tithe valued at 10*s.* *Peter*-pence were 16*d.* carvage 4*d.*—The present valor is 6*l.* and is discharged.

In the chancel is a very fair monument with the pourtraitures of a man and his wife in marble, under an arch, supported by marble pillasters, and this epitaph.

*Huc oculis viator.—Flebili hoc quod con * * * * * marmore, Gulielmus Peck, Armiger, terrenâ sua parte humatus jacet, vir pius olim et insignis.*

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[4] William Peck, Esq. married Alice, daughter of William Blois of Ipswich.

[5] The abbey of Sees was founded by Roger de Montgomery, father of Roger of Poictiers, who was also a benefactor to it in 1094. Neust. Pia. p. 580.

Quem { *Studiose obsequentem se pueri,*
Eximie integrum homines,
Propitium dominum beneficiarij,
Industriæ auxiliantem pauperes,
Egregie amantem, sui. } *hubuerunt semper.*

Tandem vero opima conditione, effusâ prole, prolixa et ætate beatus, anima cælos petijt, relictâ post se præclarâ uxore Aliciâ filiorum prole quadrinæ, Thoma, Gulielmo, Johanne, Jacobo; necnon et sobole pari fœmineâ, Marthà, Mariâ, Elizabethâ, et Annâ, prosapia charissima, deseruit suos Alicia conjux, quæ et etiam illj tumulo connubia contraxit, fatales, æqué ac nuptiales agnoscens linteas perennior post fata comes.

Obt. Junij 21, *A*°.
Dnj. 1634, *ætat.* 65.

On the pavement a gravestone,

In memory of Francis Longe, Esq; who died Dec. 12, 1734, *aged* 76; *he left Isaac his son, by his only wife Susanna, daughter and heir of Tobias Frere of Redenhall, Gent. and Robert and Francis, Ellen and Susan;* and the arms of *Long—gules,* a saltire engrailed, and on a chief, *or,* three cross crosslets of the first.

A gravestone,

In memory of Charles Longe, LL.B. late rector, who died Apr. 31, *ætat.* 34, 1729.

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In memory of Francis Long, Esq; who died Oct. 10, 1735, *ætat.* 46, *he married Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Godfrey of Risby, in Suffolk, Esq; and had issue by her* 2 *sons, and one daughter, Francis and John, and Susan;* with the arms of *Long,* and impaling *Godfrey—sable,* a chevron between three pelicans heads erased, *or.*

In the church, was a stone

In memory of William Davy, citizen of Norwich, and vintner, a benefactor to the church. He gave an altar cloth with orate, p. aia'b; Willi. Davy et Elizab. uxor. ejus. Viventes in carne orate p. defunctis, quia morieminj.—Which was laid on the altar, on a dirge, or dirige: he died in 1475.

In the church was the chapel of St. *Thomas* the Martyr, and his image, and guild, and St. *Mary's* light.

RECTORS.

Robert Bardolf occurs rector in the 14th of *Edward* I.
1309, *Robert de Knapeton,* instituted, presented by Sir *Thomas Bardolf.*
1334, *Hubert Stannard,* by *John Bardolf.*
1349, *Henry de Taterford,* by *John Bardolf.*
John de Dunton, occurs rector in the 43d of *Edward* III.
1467, *John Lesse,* by *Thomas Bardolf.*

1383, *John de Wyllyngton*, by *William Essex*, citizen of *London*.
1400, *Richard de Walsham*, by *Thomas Lovel* of *Barton Bendish*.
1402, *Thomas Cantel*, by *Thomas Bardolf*, Esq.
Richard Wormbridge, rector.
1414, *John Cory*, by *Thomas Bardolf*.
1416, *John Dunston*. *Ditto*.
John Kentyng, rector.
1444, *Steph. Minyeth*, by the King.
1451, *John Sherman*, by *Agnes*, relict of *Oliver Bardolf*.
1458, *John Palmer*, by *John Skernyng*, Esq.
1461, *Richard Braunch*. *Ditto*.
1485, *Richard Gowshyll*, by *Richard Southwell*, Esq.
1489, *Thomas Plowman*. *Ditto*.
Richard Gilbert, rector.
1498, *William Perott*, by *Richard Southwell*, Esq.
1527, *Thomas Watts*, by *Richard Southwell*, Esq.
1547, *Thomas Lewen*, by the assignees of *Mary Leek, alias Darcy*.
1556, *Robert Beverley*, by *Mary Darcy*.
1563, *John Toller*, by Sir *Richard Southwell*.
1567, *John Hickling*, by *Richard Southwell*, Esq.
Robert Baldwin, rector.
1612, *Thomas Child*, by *William Peck*, Esq.
1643, *John Payne*, by the assignees of *Thomas Peck*.
1675, *Clere Talbot*, by *Thomas Peck*.
1688, *William Dalton*, by *Thomas Peck*, and *Edmund Themilthorp*.
1704, *John Hoadley*, by *Franc. Longe*, Esq.
1706, *Sam. Jones*. *Ditto*.
1724, *John Longe*, died rector in 1739.

Thomas Bott, died rector in 1755, and *Robert Styleman* was presented by *Franc. Longe*, Esq.

1756, *John Long*. *Ditto*.

The town seems to take its name from a river, *Spi-Kes*, or *Ches*, and *Worth*.

SPROUSTON.

THE Conqueror had a lordship in this town, which *Godric* (as his steward) took care of; *Edric* had been ejected, who was lord in the time of the Confessor, when there were 3 carucates of land, one villain, and 6 borderers, a carucate in demean, and 2 among the tenants, &c. paunage for 6 swine, several freemen in *Catton*, *Beeston*, *Wroxham*, and *Rackheath* belonged to it, and it was valued with them at the survey at 60*s*. but in the Confessor's time at 20*s*. was one leuca long and 8 furlongs broad, and paid 15*d*. gelt.[6]

Robert de Mounteney held, in the reign of *Henry* II. this lordship of Sir *Richard de Lucy*, lord chief justice of *England*: it came to that family by the grant of King *Henry* I. to Sir *Richard*, and to Sir *Arnold de Mounteney*, on the marriage of *Dionysia*, 4th daughter and coheir of that knight; this *Robert* was probably son of Sir *William de Mounteney*, who married *Lecia*, eldest daughter and coheir of *Jordan Briset*, a baron, and *Muriel* his wife, founders of the priory of St. *John* of *Jerusalem*, near *Smithfield*, *London*, in 1100.

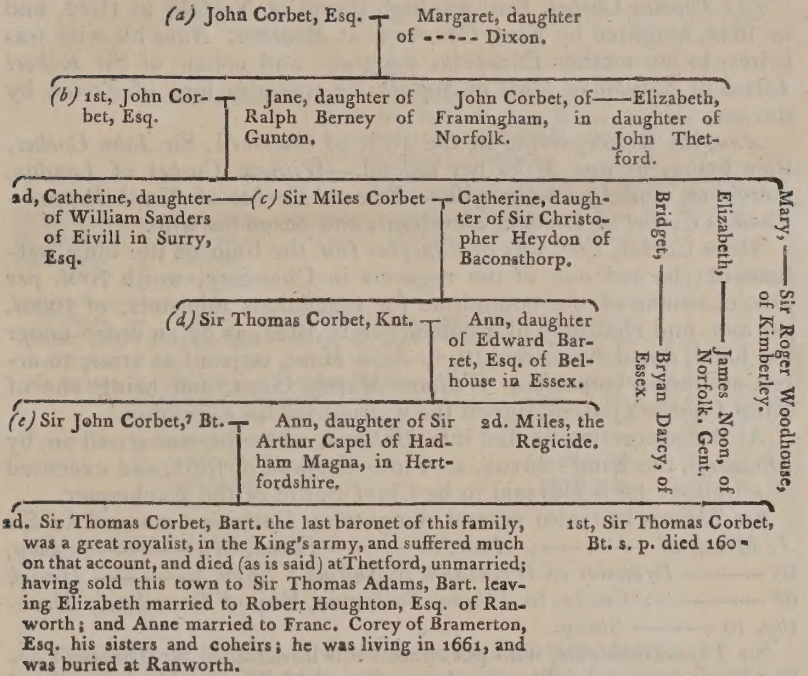
In 1306, Sir *Arnold de Mounteney* was lord, and patron of the priory of *Ging Mounteney* in *Essex*.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *John Lancaster* held here, in *Catton*, *Beeston*, &c. 3 quarters of a fee, late *Mounteneys*, of the Earl of *Rutland*; after this it was in the *Jermys* in the reign of *Edward* IV.

Sir *John Jermy* and *Margaret* his wife, grant the site of *Mounteney* manor in this town, with 4 messuages, 200 acres of pasture, 2 of land, 6 of wood, 500 of furze, with a free-fold, and 30*s*. rent *per ann.* to *John Corbet*, Esq. in 1545, and his posterity enjoyed it till it was sold by Sir *Thomas Corbet*, Bart. to Sir *Thomas Adams*, Bart.

[6] Tra Regis quam Godric'. servat. —Sprowestuna, tenuit Edricus T.R.E. iii car. tre. t'nc. i vill. t'nc. vi bor. mo. v t'nc. i car. in d'nio. p'. et mo. dim. t'nc. ii car. hom. p'. et mo. i et alie possent restaurari, silva vi por. &c. t'nc. val. xx sol. mo. LX et ht. i leug. in long. et viii quar. in lat. et xvd. de gelto.

CORBET'S PEDIGREE.



(a) John Corbet, Esq. — Margaret, daughter of ---- Dixon.

(b) 1st, John Corbet, Esq. — Jane, daughter of Ralph Berney of Gunton.

John Corbet, of Framingham, in Norfolk. — Elizabeth, daughter of John Thetford.

2d, Catherine, daughter of William Sanders of Eivill in Surry, Esq. — (c) Sir Miles Corbet — Catherine, daughter of Sir Christopher Heydon of Baconsthorp.

Bridget, — Bryan Darcy, of Essex.

Elizabeth, — James Noon, of Norfolk. Gent.

Mary, — Sir Roger Woodhouse, of Kimberley.

(d) Sir Thomas Corbet, Knt. — Ann, daughter of Edward Barret, Esq. of Belhouse in Essex.

(e) Sir John Corbet,[7] Bt. — Ann, daughter of Sir Arthur Capel of Hadham Magna, in Hertfordshire.

2d. Miles, the Regicide.

2d. Sir Thomas Corbet, Bart. the last baronet of this family, was a great royalist, in the King's army, and suffered much on that account, and died (as is said) at Thetford, unmarried; having sold this town to Sir Thomas Adams, Bart. leaving Elizabeth married to Robert Houghton, Esq. of Ranworth; and Anne married to Franc. Corey of Bramerton, Esq. his sisters and coheirs; he was living in 1661, and was buried at Ranworth.

1st, Sir Thomas Corbet, Bt. s. p. died 160-

Corbet bore, *or*, a raven proper;—the crest, a squirrel seijant, cracking a nut, proper.

(a) *John Corbet*, of that name senior, of *Spikesworth*, Gent. made his will *April* 25, 1540, proved *May* ****, 1542, to be buried in the church of *Spikesworth*, left 3 sons, *John Corbet*, sen. and *John Corbet*, jun. *Thomas* a priest, and *Cæcilia*, the wife of *Edmund Allen*, lord of *Earlham*.—*Reg. Cook, Norw. p.* 145.

He is said to be a third son of ---- *Corbet* of *Morton* in *Shropshire*.

(b) He was a lawyer: on *July* 19, *A°*. 32 of *Henry* VIII. had a grant of a fold-course here, belonging to the see of *Norwich*: in the 1st of Queen *Mary*, *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk* demised to him a fold-course in *Sallows*, part of *Wroxham* manor, for 15 years, with lands, being then in the service of the Duke; had the lordships of *Wood-Bastwick*, and *Ranworth*, by an exchange for *Ludham Bacon's* manor, with Bishop *Rugg*, and by the King's license; lord of *Chambery hall*, in *South Walsham*, &c. his will is dated *December* 26, 1558, and proved *January* 10, following, wherein he names *James Nunne*, or

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[7] Sir John was created baronet September 12, 1623, died January 19, 1627, buried at St. Margaret's Westminster, in the north isle.

Noon, his son-in-law; in the 25th of *Henry* VIII. *Thomas Cappe*, master of St. *Gyles* hospital in *Norwich*, let lands here to him.

(c) Sir *Miles's* second wife *Catherine*, daughter of *Saunders*, was relict of *John Spilman*, Esq. of *Narburgh*, he died in 1609; his daughter *Elizabeth* married *Henry Richers*, Esq. of *Swanington*.

(d) Thomas Corbet, Esq. was high sheriff of *Norfolk* in 1622, and in 1635, knighted by King *Charles* I. at *Royston; Anne* his wife was heiress to her mother *Elizabeth*, daughter and coheir of Sir *Robert Litton* of *Shrubland Hall* in *Suffolk*, he was also lord of *Eccles*, by the sea.

Ann, his widow, living in the 19th of *Charles* I. Sir *John Corbet*, then living, as was *Miles* her second.—*William Corbet* of *London*, merchant, and *Lydia* his wife,—*Edward Corbet* of *North Repps*.—*Thomas Corbet* of *London*, merchant, and *Sarah* his wife.

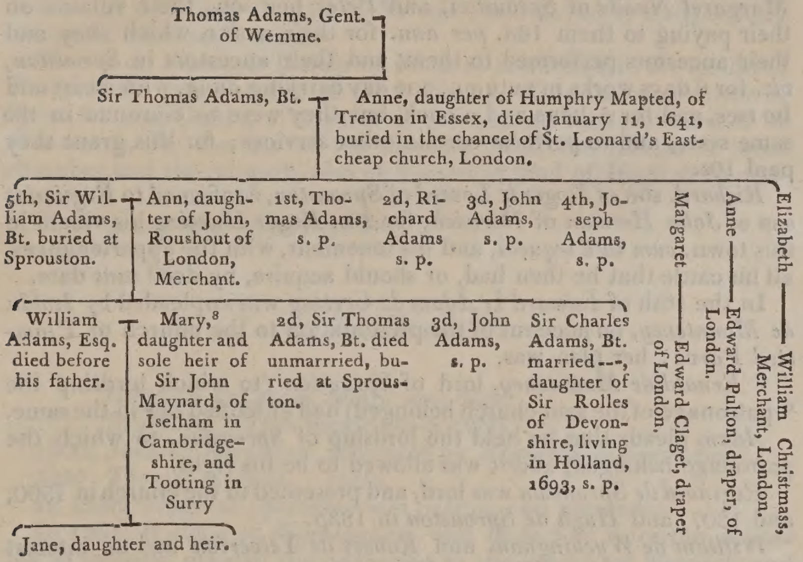
Miles Corbet, Esq. was of *Lincolns Inn*, the time of the long parliament; he was one of the registers in Chancery, worth 700*l. per ann.* chairman of the committee for scandalous ministers, of 1000*l. per ann.* and chairman of a committee in 1642, as by an order under his hand, dated *November* 10, to *John Hunt*, serjeant at arms, to arrest and bring before him *William Marsh*, Gent. and being one of King *Charles's* judges, signed the warrant for his execution.

At the restoration he fled into *Holland*, where he was seised on, by *Downing*, the King's envoy, sent into *England* in 1661, and executed as a traitor: he is also said to be Chief Baron of the Exchequer.

Sir *Thomas* had also several daughters; *Catherine* married to Sir *J. Mead*, of ———; *Anne*, to ——— *Fexon*, of ———; *Amy*, to ——— *Brewster* of *Wrentham* in *Suffolk*; *Ellen*, to ——— *Herick* of ———; *Cecily*, to *Thomas Sotherton*, Esq. of *Taverham*; *Dorothy*, to ——— *Slany*.

Sir *Thomas Adams*, who purchased this lordship of Sir *Thomas Corbet*, Bart. was son of *Thomas Adams*, Gent. of *Wem* in *Shropshire*, lord mayor of *London* in 1645, afterwards was knighted, on *December* --, 1663, created a baronet, died at his house in *Ironmonger's Hall, London, February* 24, 1667, aged 81; and on the 10th of *March* his corps was solemnly conveyed to St. *Catherine Creed* church in the said city, attended by the lord mayor, aldermen, draper's company, the governours of St. *Thomas's* Hospital, and heralds at arms; where a funeral sermon was preached by Dr. *Hardy*, dean of *Rochester;* the body was placed in the vestry of that church, and on the 12th carried in a herse and buried in the chancel of this church.

ADAMS'S PEDIGREE.


Thomas Adams, Gent. of Wemme.
Sir Thomas Adams, Bt.
Anne, daughter of Humphry Mapted, of Trenton in Essex, died January 11, 1641, buried in the chancel of St. Leonard's East-cheap church, London.
5th, Sir William Adams, Bt. buried at Sprouston.
Ann, daughter of John, Roushout of London, Merchant.
1st, Thomas Adams, s. p.
2d, Richard Adams s. p.
3d, John Adams, s. p.
4th, Joseph Adams, s. p.
Margaret —— Edward Claget, draper of London.
Anne —— Edward Pulton, draper, of London.
Elizabeth —— William Christmass, Merchant, London.
William Adams, Esq. died before his father.
Mary,[8] daughter and sole heir of Sir John Maynard, of Iselham in Cambridgeshire, and Tooting in Surry
2d, Sir Thomas Adams, Bt. died unmarrried, buried at Sprouston.
3d, John Adams, s. p.
Sir Charles Adams, Bt. married ---, daughter of Sir Rolles of Devonshire, living in Holland, 1693, s. p.
Jane, daughter and heir.

The arms of *Adams—ermine*, three cats passant, *azure.*

From the family of *Adams* it was sold to Sir *Lambert Blackwell*, Bart. created baronet of *Sprouston-Hall, July* 16, 1718; who bore paly of six, *argent* and *azure*, in a bordure *ermine*, on a chief *gules*, a lion passant of the first, and remains in the family.

The Conqueror had also another lordship in this town, which *William de Noiers* took care of, as his steward, or bailiff; *Stigand* the Archbishop held it before the Conquest, in his own right, as a lay fee, and was ejected; it consisted then of 140 acres of land, and 3 carucates of meadow, &c. was one leuca long, and 8 furlongs broad, paid 15*d.* gelt, whoever possessed it, and was valued in the manor of *Thorp*, by *Norwich*, of which *Stigand* was also lord before the Conquest.[9]

This lordship seems to have been held by parceners in ages past.

Roger de Sprouston was lord by deed *sans* date, about the reign of *Henry* III. as appears by ancient record *sans* date, wherein it is specified that his villains were to mow and shear his lands, each villain 2 days; to be kept at that time by the lord, and to have for their dinner one loaf of barley, each of them; eleven of which loaves made a bushel, and a herring, or fish, and cheese of the price of a quarter of a farthing, and at this time the master of St. *Gyles's* hospital in *Norwich* held 20 acres of land of this lord.

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[8] She was relict of ——— Bulwer of Chillingham in Cornwall, and in 1699, was the wife of Sir Roushout Cullen, Bart.

[9] Tre Stigandi Ep. quas custodit W. Noiers in manu Regis.—In Sprowestuna cxl ac. tre. tnc. iii car. p'. et mo. ii et iiii ac. prati silva iiii porc. et ht. i leug. in long. et viii quar. in lat. et xv d'. de gelto, quicq. ibi teneat. hoc, etia'e. in p'tio de Thorp.

Reginald le Bydun, Robert and *Henry* his brothers, of *Sprouston*, and *Philip le Levord*, with *Margaret* his wife, grant by deed *sans* date, to *Margaret Nunde* of *Sprouston*, and *Peter* her son, their villains on their paying to them 12*d. per ann.* for their works, which they and their ancestors performed to them, and their ancestors in *Sprouston*, *viz.* for 8 days works in autumn, one day carrying dung, with a cart and horses, and for 5 hens and a cock, but they were to continue in the same state, and to perform certain other services; for this grant they paid 10*s.*

Richard, son of *Roger le Loverd* of *Sprouston*, confirmed to *Reginald*, son of *John Herman* of *Norwich*, for 20*s. Roger Hunting* his villain in this town, *cum totâ sequelâ*, and his tenement, with the appertenances, all his cattle that he then had, or should acquire, by deed *sans* date.

In the 16th of *Edward* I. *Adam de Creting* was impleaded by *Isolda de Mounteney*, on account of the presentation to the church of *Plumsted Parva*; her plea was,

“ *Ernald de Mounteney*, lord of *Sprouston* (to which lordship the “ patronage of the said church belonged) had enfeoffed her in the same.

Adam pleads that he held the lordship of *Sprouston*, to which the patronage belonged, and it was allowed to be his right.

Reginald de Sprouston was lord, and presented to the church in 1300, and 1307, and *Hugh de Sprouston* in 1335.

William de Wychingham and *Robert de Yelverton* had an interest herein, in the 35th of *Edward* III. they gave the patronage of this church to the priory of *Norwich*.

In the 14th of *Richard* II. *Roger Crispin* of *Sprouston* and *Mary* his wife, surrendered by fine this lordship, called late Sir *Hugh Sprouston's*, to *John Aslake* of *Bromholm* from the heirs of *Mary*, probably a daughter of *Sprouston*; and in the 14th of *Edward* IV. *Thomas Aslake* and *Elizabeth* his wife passed it by fine to *Walter Aslake*, quit of the heirs of *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *Thomas Bardolf*, as is said.

Walter Aslake, Esq. of *Sprouston* had a protection in the 10th of *Henry* VI. being in *France* in the retinue of *John*, Duke of *Bedford*.

After this it was in the *Calthorps*, and Sir *Henry Parker* and the lady *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter and heir of Sir *Philip Calthorp*, who died in the year 1535, inherited this manor of *Aslake's*.

Sir *Philip Parker* had livery of it about the 20th of *Elizabeth*, with the advowson of the church, and sold it to Sir *Miles Corbet*, who was lord in the 34th of *Elizabeth*, and so was united to the other manor before mentioned.

There was a small fee in this village, and that of *Beeston*, at the survey, held by *Robert Malet*, lord of *Horseford*, out of which 2 freemen in *Beeston*, and 3 in *Sprouston* were ejected, who had 64 acres of land, and one borderer, and a carucate and an acre of meadow, valued at 6*s.*; the King, and the Earl had the soc.[1]

This always went along with the manor of *Horseford*.

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[1] Terre Roberti Malet.—In Sprotuna iii lib. ho'es, et in Besetuna ii et h'nt. Lxiiii ac. tre. et i bord. semp. i car. et i ac. p'ti.val.vi sol. rex. et Comes soca.

The tenths were 6*l.*—Deduct 1*l.* 10*s.*

The Church is dedicated to St. *Margaret*, and was a rectory, valued at 16 marks; the prior of *Norwich* had a portion of tithe valued at one mark, and after it was appropriated to the said priory, and is now in the dean and chapter of *Norwich*, and served by a stipendiary curate, at their nomination.

Thomas de Blumvyle Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to the monks of *Norwich*, the grant of *John de Grey* Bishop, of 2 parts of the tithe of *Sprouston* and *Catton*, of 2 garbs of the demean lands of *Arnold de Mounteney*, for the use of the almoner; and the rectors of those churches had the 3d garb, also of 3 acres of land of *Hugh de Sprouston.*[2]

Peter-pence 16*d.*—Carvage 4*d.*

RECTORS.

Hugh de Fakeham, rector *sans* date.

Reginald, occurs rector about 1260.

1300, *John de Sprouston*, presented by *Reginald de Sprouston.*

1307, *Thomas de Holt*. *Ditto.*

In 1335, *Hugh de Sprouston* was patron, and presented.

In 1361, *William de Wychingham*, and *Robert de Yelverton*, probably as trustees, granted the advowson to the priory of *Norwich*, and *Thomas Percy*, the Bishop, appropriated it *November* 12, in the said year.

The King granted his license before, on *May* 8, for which the prior and convent had paid 40 marks, and it was to find 2 monks of that convent, (capellanes) to study in any university, to perform divine service daily for ever, for the souls of *Hugh de Sprouston* and *Margery* his wife, and *Reginald* and *Tifania*, his father and mother, and *Thomas de Baldeswell*, and the souls of all the faithful.

1373, *Richard de Carlton*, by the prior: it was again appropriated *April* 15, 1385, by *Henry Spencer*, Bishop of *Norwich*; a pension of 10*s. per ann.* being reserved to the Bishop.

In the chancel of the church it a mural monument of alabaster, with the pourtraitures of Sir *Miles Corbet*, his 2 wives, and children on their knees,

Here lieth the bodies of Sir Miles Corbet, and of Catherine his first wife, one of the daughters of Sir Christopher Heydon of Baconsthorp Kt. who had by her 8 *sons and* 3 *daughters, also he took to his second wife Dame Catherine, one of the daughters of Nicholas Sanders of Ewell, Esq. and had by her one daughter, which Sir Miles deceased* 19, *day of June, in* 1607.

On the north side, a tomb,

In memory of John Corbet, Esq. and Jane his wife, daughter of Ralph Berney, Esq.

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[2] Reg. 2, Eccles. Cath. Norw. fol. 6, 81.

Arms in the church windows were,

Corbet impaling *Berney, Berney* impaling *Southwell. Heydon. Woodhouse* of *Kimberley; or,* a chevron between three torteaux. *Glemham,* Earl *Warren. Mounteney, Argentine. Calthorp* impaling *Aslake, sable,* a chevron, *ermin,* between three Catherine wheels, *argent. Calthorp* and *Argentine. Barry,* and *Aslake. Argent,* a cross *sable,* the arms of *Norwich* priory.

STANINGHALL.

At the survey the Conqueror held this lordship, and *William de Noiers* was his steward, or bailiff, of which a freeman of Archbishop *Stigand* was deprived, one carucate of land, 4 villains, and 4 borderers, with 2 carucates, 2 mills, &c.; it belonged to *Horsted* manor, and was valued in *Mileham,* and *Horsted,* was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 15*d.* gelt.[3]

Soon after this survey, this lordship was granted (probably by King *William* II. or King *Henry* I.) to the abbey of the Holy Trinity of *Caen,* for nuns, founded by Queen *Maud,* wife to the Conqueror. In the year 1249, it was in the said abbey.

In the 52d of King *Henry* III. *Lucia,* lady abbess, granted by fine, to *Roger* the prior of *Beeston* in *Norfolk,* the advowson of this church, though no mention is made of this abbess, or this lordship in *Neustria Pia.*

In the 3d of *Edward* III. the abbess was found to have free-warren, &c. here, and in 1428, their temporalities were valued at 57*s.* 11*d. ob. per ann.*

At what time the abbey was deprived of it, does not appear; probably it was at the time when the other alien priories, &c. lost their tenures in the reign of *Henry* VI.

In the year 1534, *Thomas Storme* of *Staninghall,* son of *Thomas Storme,* sometime of *Norwich,* wills to be buried in the church of *Fretenham,*[4] and gives to *Alice* his wife, this lordship, with the advowson of the church for life, and after her death to be sold, and in the 31st of *Henry* VIII. a fine was levied, wherein *John Crosse* and *Alice* his wife (the late wife as I take it of *Storme*) convey it to *Robert Nycholson,* with messuages and lands in this town, *Horsted, Fretenham,* &c. after this it was in the family of *Waldgrave,* and *Charles Wald-*

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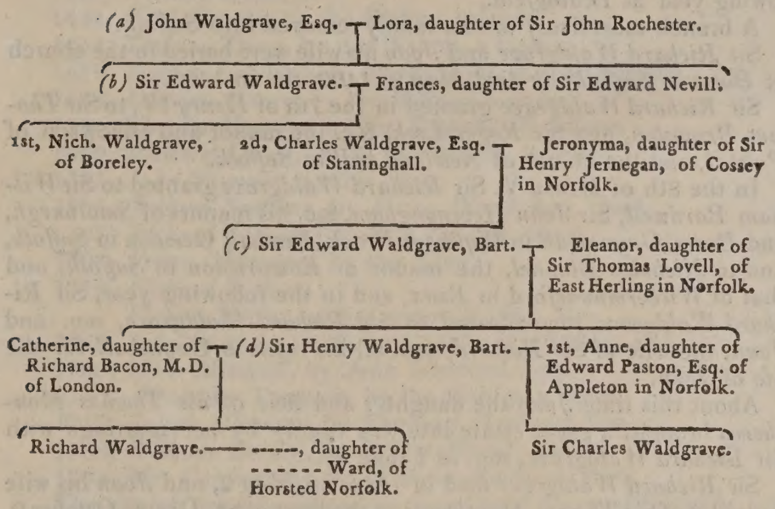
[3] Tre Stigandi Epi. quas. custodit, W. de Noiers in manu Regis——In Staningehalla i lib. ho'. i car. tre'. et iiii vill. et iiii bord. et ii car. ii mol. silva xx por. hoc jacet in Horsteda. et totu' e. p'tio. de Mulham. et Horsteda. ht. i leug. in long. et al. in lat. et xvd. de gelto.

[4] Regist. Godsalve, Norw. fol. 138.

grave, Esq. was lord in the reign of King *James* the First, as a full account of this family may be found in the peerage of *England*, I shall begin with the grandfather of this gentleman, and make some few observations relating to it, that I have met with in ancient records.

WALDGRAVE'S PEDIGREE.



(a) John Waldgrave, Esq. ┬ Lora, daughter of Sir John Rochester.

(b) Sir Edward Waldgrave. ┬ Frances, daughter of Sir Edward Nevill.

1st, Nich. Waldgrave, of Boreley.
2d, Charles Waldgrave, Esq. of Staninghall. ┬ Jeronyma, daughter of Sir Henry Jernegan, of Cossey in Norfolk.

(c) Sir Edward Waldgrave, Bart. ┬ Eleanor, daughter of Sir Thomas Lovell, of East Herling in Norfolk.

Catherine, daughter of Richard Bacon, M.D. of London. ┬ (d) Sir Henry Waldgrave, Bart. ┬ 1st, Anne, daughter of Edward Paston, Esq. of Appleton in Norfolk.

Richard Waldgrave.—— ------, daughter of ------ Ward, of Horsted Norfolk.
Sir Charles Waldgrave.

(a) *John Waldgrave*, Esq. son and heir of *Edward Waldgrave*, Esq. of the *Friers* in *Sudbury*, by *Mabel* his wife, daughter and heir of *John Cheyney*, Esq. of *Pynto* in *Devonshire*, which *Edward* was second son of Sir *Thomas Waldgrave* of *Buers* in *Suffolk*, (and there buried in 1500) by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter and heir of Sir *John Frey*, lord chief baron of the Exchequer. *John* was buried in the church of *Allhallows* at *Sudbury*, dying *October* 6, 1543, and on his grave-stone, were the arms of *Waldgrave*, per pale, *argent* and *gules*, and those of *Rochester*, *or*, a fess between three crescents *sable*.

(b) Sir *Edward Waldgrave*, was of *Borley* in *Essex*, privy counsellor to Queen *Mary*, chancellor of the dutchy of *Lancaster*, and master of the great wardrobe; he died in the Tower of *London*, *September* --, 1560; and was there buried.

(c) Sir *Edward Waldgrave* created Bart. *August* 1, 1641, of *Hever* castle in *Kent*.

(d) Sir *Henry* is said by some to have sold *Staninghall*, others say that *Richard Waldgrave* his son, by his second wife, sold it; from this Sir *Henry* is descended the Right Honourable Earl *Waldgrave*, now living.

This family is by historians asserted to have been originally of the county of *Norfolk*, and to have assumed their name from a town called *Waldgrave*, in the said county, but this is a great mistake, there being no town of that name therein.

It appears much more probable, that they descended from the *Waldgraves* of *Waldgrave* in *Northamptonshire.*

John de Waldgrave was lord of *Waldgrave,* and claimed free-warren there in the 3d of *Edward* III. was knight of that shire in parliament.

Thomas Bedingfeld, Esq. lord of *Bedingfeld* in *Suffolk,* ancestor to the *Bedingfelds* of *Oxburgh* in *Norfolk,* married *Anne,* daughter and heir of *John Waldgrave,* Esq. of *Waldgrave* aforesaid, and was there buried *October* 12, 1543, *Anne* his widow was buried in the following year at *Bedingfeld.*

A branch most likely of this family removed into *Suffolk.*

Sir *Richard Waldgrave* and *Joan* his wife were buried in the church of *Bures* in *Suffolk,* he died *May* 2, 1400, she in 1406.

Sir *Richard Waldgrave* granted in the 7th of *Henry* IV. to Sir *Thomas Rempston,* and Sir *Roger Leek,* &c. the manor and advowson of *Polsted,* and the manor of *Newland hall* in *Suffolk.*

In the 8th of *Henry* V. Sir *Richard Waldgrave* granted to Sir *William Bardwell,* Sir *John Hevenyngham,* &c. his manors of *Smalburgh,* and *Bures, Gayneshall* in *Wykham Brook, Newhall Ovesdon* in *Suffolk,* and to *Nicholas Blundel,* the manor of *Edwardston* in *Suffolk,* and that of *Withermundeford* in *Essex,* and in the following year, Sir *Richard Waldgrave,* jun. released to Sir *Richard Waldgrave,* sen. and *Joan,* the wife of Sir *Richard,* sen. all his right in *Gaynshall* for the life of *Joan.*

About this time *Joan* the daughter and heir of Sir *Thomas Monchensy* brought a great estate into this family by her marriage with Sir *Richard Waldgrave,* sen. as I take it.

Sir *Richard Waldgrave* died in 1434, on *May* 2, and *Joan* his wife daughter of Sir *Thomas Monchensy* on the feast of St. *Dennis, October* 9, 1450, and were buried in the church of *Bures.*

On *April* 20, in the 13th of *Henry* VI. Sir *Richard,* on the death of his father, performed homage, and in the 16th of that King; Sir *Richard Waldgrave* and *Joan* his wife, settled on their trustees, *John Dorweard, William Darell, William Clopton, Robert Cavendish, John Harleston, John Venour,* Esq. *William Keterick,* &c. the manors of *Waldgrave,* and *Tweywell* in *Northamptonshire.*

The *Waldgraves,* as I have above observed, sold this lordship; and Sir *Charles Harbord,* Knt. was lord in the reign of King *Charles* II.

John Harbord, Esq. presented in 1700, and Sir *William Morden Harbord,* Bart. is the present lord.

The CHURCH is a rectory formerly valued at 4 marks, *Peter*-pence 6*d.* and carvage 3*d. ob.* the present valor is 33*s.* 6*d. ob.* and is discharged

RECTORS.

In 1300, *Peter le Courzun,* instituted, presented by the prior and convent of *Beeston* in *Norfolk.*

1305, *Thomas de Qwytewell.* *Ditto.*
1312, *John Martyn.*
1314, *Reginald de Baningham.*
1332, *James de Bodham.*

1349, *Nicholas de Ingham.*
1387, *William Munns,*
William Blythe, rector.
1418, *William Hawet, alias Spalding.*
1420, *John Scarlet.*
1428, *Step. Paly.*
1428, *Sim. Aleyn.*
1435, *Robert Petard.*
1435, *William Calverle.*
1444, *Phil. Catton,* by the Bishop, a lapse.
1457, *Thomas Thorp,* by the Bishop, a lapse.
1472, *Robert Everingham,* by the prior, &c. of *Beeston.*
1522, *Edward Raven,* by the Bishop, a lapse.
1551, *Thomas Mundye,* by Sir *Edmund Wyndham.*
1560, *Richard Dixon, A.M.* the Bishop, a lapse.
1581, *John Skynner,* by the King.
1585, *William Spelman,* by *Franc. Woodhouse,* Gent.
1597, *Richard Lynton,* by *John Warren.* Gent.
1608, *Franc. Hampson,* by the King.
1618, *Richard Wylton.*
Thomas Brown occurs rector in 1627, &c.
1638, *John Swanne, A.M.* by *Charles Waldgrave,* Esq.
1700, *Elias Macham,* by *John Harbord,* Esq.
1710, *Alexander Tompson,* by the Bishop, a lapse.
1717, *Joseph Allanson,* by *Harbord Harbord,* Esq.
1730, *William Berney,* by *Robert Britiff,* Esq.
1763, Mr. *Carthew,* by Sir *William Harbord,* Bart.

The church was dilapidated in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth;* it was standing in 1505.

The tenths were 33*s.* 6*d. ob.*

TAVERHAM.

Ralph de Beaufoe, had the grant of a lordship in this town, held by *Olf,* in the reign of the Confessor; containing a carucate of land, with 4 villains, 3 borderers, one carucate in demean, one among the tenants, and 10 acres of meadow, &c. the fourth part of a mill, and 5 socmen had a carucate and 13 acres of the demean land, 2 runci, one cow, &c. and 60 sheep, valued at 20*s.* then, at the survey at 30*s.* with the fourth part of a church endowed with 15 acres, valued at 16*d.*[5]

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[5] Terra R. de Bellofago——In Tauresham, ten. ide'. i car. tre. qua. tenuit. Olfus T.R.E. sep. iiii vill. et iii bor. sep. i car. in d'nio. et i car. h'oum. et x ac.

This lordship was possessed by the family of *De Drayton*, lords of *Drayton*, in this hundred, after by that of *De Bellamonte*, who conveyed it to *Walter Langton*, Bishop of *Litchfield*, &c. From the *Peverells*, his heirs, it came to the *De la Poles*, &c.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *John Gurney*, held 2 fees here and in *Drayton*, sometime *John Springs*, of the Lord *Morley*, as part of the barony of *Rye*, as may be seen at large in *Drayton;* and came with *Drayton* manor, on the death of *Charles Brandon* Duke of *Suffolk*, by a grant of King *Edward* IV. to the see of *Norwich*, and so continues; the presentation, to a portion of this church always went with this lordship: *See Drayton.*

William Earl *Warren* had a lordship, of which *Toca* a freeman was deprived; there belonged to it a carucate of land, 6 villains, 6 borderers, with one servus, one carucate in demean, one carucate and an half among the tenants, with 10 acres of meadow, &c. and the 4th part of a mill, and the 4th part of a church, with 3 acres, 2 runci, 4 cows, &c. 40 sheep, valued then at 30*s.* at the survey at 40*s.* this belonged to the fee of *Fretheric*, it was one leuca and an half long, and one leuca broad, and paid 16¼*d.* to the King's gelt, whoever had it.[6]

A family who assumed their name from this town, was early enfeoffed thereof by the Earl *Warren: Nicholas de Taverham* was lord in the reign of King *John*, and in the 4th of *Henry* III. and *Simon de Taverham*, in the 20th of that King, held half a fee of the Earl *Warren.*

Baldwin de Taverham was living about the same time. *Symon de Taverham* had a charter for freewarren in the 20th of *Edward* I.

Simon Doo, parson of *Rackhith All-Saints*, released to *William*, son of *Thomas Gerberge* all his right in the manor, and advowson of the church of *Taverham*, and *William*, son of Sir *Thomas Gerberge*, confirmed in the 5th of *Edward* II. to *Baldric*, son of *Simon de Taverham* the said manor and advowson, for 100*l.* sterling, with all the rents, services, &c. and further grants that all the lands and tenements, which *Joan*, late wife of *Peter de Taverham*, and *Roysia*, late wife of *Symon de Taverham* held in dower of the said manor, to the said *Baldric*; witnesses, *Alexander de Clavering*, *Bartholomew de Somerton*, knights, &c.

Bartholomew, son of *John de Tunstede*, granted to *Baldric* and *Elizabeth* his wife, in the 21st of *Edward* III. all his lands, tenements, rents and services in this town, *Attlebrig*, *Felthorp*, *Weston*, and *Marham.*

Baldric de Taverham had two wives, *Elizabeth* was his widow in the 30th of that King; his first wife was *Elianor*, by whom he had *Nicholas de Taverham*, who married *Christiana*, and was father of *Baldric*, and of *Sim. de Taverham;* this *Baldric*, kept as his wife, *Margaret*,

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p'ti. silv. v por. et quarta pars. mol. et v soc. xiii ac. tre. sep. i car. in d'nio. ii r. et i an. mo. xii por. et LX ov. tc. et p. val. xx sol. mo. xxx quarta pars. i ecclie. xv ac. et val. xvid.

[6] Tre. Will. de Warenna——In Taverham ten. Toca p. man. i lib. ho. T.R.E. i car. tre. sep. vi vill. et vi bor. et i s. tc'. et p'. i car. in d'nio. mo. ii tc. et p'. i car. et dim. hou'. mo. ii et x ac. p'ti. silv. v por. et quarta'. parte uni mol. quarta pars ecclie iii ac. et ii runc. tc'. iiii an. mo. vii tc. viii por. mo XL. tc. XL ov. mo. ccc. tc'. et p'. val. XXX sol. mo. XL sal. hoc. e. de feudo Retherice et ht. i leug. et dim. in long. et i leug. in lato. et redd. xvid. et ferthingu'. in geldu. regis q'cq. ibi. teneat.

daughter of *John Whythfoot*, of *Taverham*, she being the wife of *Robert de Bumpstede* (then living), and had by her a son, called *William Whythfoot*, who marrying *Isabel Maut*, had a son called *William Taverham.*[7] *Baldric's* seal was *argent*, a saltire, *sable*, surmounted by a *fess*, *gules*, thereon, three bezants.

The said *Baldric* after married *Margery*, by whom he had *Edmund de Taverham* father of *Baldric*, by *Alice* his wife, and *Baldric* by *Agnes* his wife, was father of *Alice*, who married *Edmund Winter*, Esq. and had a daughter *Margery*, married to *John Braunche*, Esq. Besides this daughter *Alice*, *Baldric* had by *Agnes* his wife, a son, *William de Taverham*, father by *Isabel* his wife of *Henry de Taverham*, who died *s.p.* and a daughter *Alice*, married to *Walter Nyche*, merchant of *Norwich*.

The aforesaid *Baldric*, after the death of *Margery* took to wife, *Elizabeth*, on whom he entailed this lordship for life, then to *Edmund* his son, by *Margery*, on payment of an 100 marks to his executors in order to pay his debts, and on default, on *Baldric*, son of *Nicholas*; by *Elizabeth* his last wife, he had a son, *John de Taverham*, which *Elizabeth* was his widow, he dying in the 30th of *Edward* III.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *John de Taverham*, a minor, held half a fee of the Dutchy of *Lancaster*, and in 1404, *William Taverham*, Esq. presented to the church.

Afterwards it was in Sir *John Falstolf*, and so came to the *De la Poles*, (as in *Hayberden*,) and to the see of *Norwich*.

William, Bishop of *Thetford*, held in his own right, as a lay fee, a manor of which a free-woman was deprived; containing half a carucate of land, 3 villains, 2 borderers, one carucate in demean, half a carucate among the tenants, and 5 acres of meadow, paunage for 2 swine, and 3 socmen had 12 acres of land, &c. then valued at 12*s.* at the survey at 20*s.*[8]

William Beaufoe, Bishop of *Thetford*, who held this was a great benefactor to his fee, and gave to it many lordships, as this most likely among them; though I do not find this particularly named.

In the 20th of *Henry* III. *Adam de Tunstal* held a quarter of a fee in this town of *Robert de Caston*, and he of the Bishop of *Norwich* in *capite*; and in the 20th of *Edward* III. the heirs of *Adam Tunstall*.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Isabel Moute* held it, as part of the barony of the see of *Norwich*.

The prior and convent of the Holy *Trinity* of *Norwich*, founded by Bishop *Herbert*, had a considerable lordship here, the church of St. *Michael* in *Norwich* near the cathedral, on what is now called the tomb land, had (as the survey informs us) in King *Edward* the Confessor's time, a carucate of land, and *Stigand*, the Bishop of the diocese, held it in right of that church, when there were 4 villains and 2 borderers belonging to it, one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, 4 socmen had 13 acres of land, and there were 8 acres of meadow: on the deprivation of *Stigand*, it was granted to *William de Beaufoe*, and he held it as a lay fee when the survey was made; but as this had been given to the church of St. *Michael*, by the Earls of the *East Angles*, it was soon after the survey, re-assumed, and being in the Crown, was at the request of *Roger Bigot* a great *Norman* baron, (who possessed great part of the lands of the late Earls of *Norfolk)* granted by King *William* II. to the church of the Holy *Trinity* of *Norwich*, by this charter or deed.

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[7] In a fine A°. 33d of Edward III. Baldric de Taverham and Margaret, one of the daughters and coheirs of John Quitfot or Whitfot of Taverham, is called his wife.

[8] Terra Will. Ep. Tedfordensis de feuda. —— In Taverham, ten. i liba. fem. T.R.E. dim. car. terre. tc. iii vill. et ii bord. sep. i car. in dominio' tc. et p'. dim. car. hominu. et v ac. pti. silva ii porc. tc. iii soc. xii ac. tre. modo i soc. dim. car. tc. val. xii sol. mo. xx sol. Terre Scj. Michahelis de Norwic.—— In Taverha' i car. terre tenuit sci m. T.R.E. et Stigandus sub eo. semp. iiii vill. et bord. semp. i car. in dominio et i car. hom. et iiii soc. xii ac. terre semp. viii ac. p'ti. silva. xii porc. et val. xx sol.

"*Willus Rex Anglor. Herberto, Norwicensi, episcopo et omnibus Baronib; suis de Norfolc et Studfolc. saltm.—Sciatis me dedisse sce Trin. Norwic. ecclie rogatu Rogerj Bigot terram Michaelis de Utmonasterio, et terram de Taverham que ad eande terram p. tinet, quietam semper et libam ab omnibus scotis et Geldis et omnibus alijs consuetudinibus. Teste Eudone Dapifero apud Westm. &c.*"

By this it appears that *Herbert* had then built the church of the *Holy Trinity*, the mother church of the diocese of *Norwich*, and it seems also that he had then erected a monastery there, (or priory,) the church of St. *Michael* being styled, without the monastery, and that this grant was to annex this land to the see; so that *Herbert* soon after settled it on the prior, or monastery founded by him.

By a grant of King *Henry* I. it was confirmed to the monks:

Henricus Rex. Anglor. R. filio Walteri et minist. suis de Norfulc. et Suff precipio quod monachi de Norw. teneant terram suam de Taverham ita bene, &c. Test. R. Boss.[9]

Historians relate that this church of St. *Michael* takes its name, from the tombs, as a remarkable place of burial, but this is a mistake.

Richard Duke of *Normandy*, who died in 996, erected an abbey in *Monte qui dicitur Tumba;* out of veneration to St. *Michael*. Many churches were dedicated to St. *Michael* in *Monte Tumba*, a place so called where it is said he appeared, and performed a miracle.[1]

This lordship extended also into *Attlebrig*, where the priory had considerable possessions, as may be there seen.

Emma, daughter of *Edwina Bardolf*, granted to *William deKirkeby*, prior of *Norwich*, 4 acres and an half of land in *Taverham*.

Alan, son of *Petronilla de Taverham*, gave to the priory, lands; *John*, son of *Nicholas Bardolf* was a benefactor in the 9th of *Edward* I. as was *Agnes Bardolf* and Sir *John de Eston*, gave lands here in the said reign: so that the prior in the 15th of that King claimed free-warren, a gallows, the assise, &c. and complaint was made that he had erected a pool in the water between *Ringland Hill* and *North Croft*, and appropriated it, as a several.

In 1428, the temporalities of the priory were 6*l*. 13*s*. 10*d*. *ob*. and the cellarer accounted for 8*l*. 11*s*. 11*d*. received out of this manor, and for 3*s*. paid that year to the manor of *Hetherset*; 13*s*. 4*d*. to St. *Paul's* hospital, and 3*s*. 6*d*. to the prior of St. *Leonard's*, as rents resolute.

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[9] Reg. i Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol. 58, 138, 140, &c.

[1] See Neustria Pia, p. 13.——Capgrave's Golden Legend, p. 254.

On the dissolution of the priory, it came to the Crown, and King *Henry* VIII. in 1538, on the foundation of a dean, and prebendaries, &c. granted this lordship to them, as it now continues: in the 6th year of *Elizabeth*, it was granted by lease, with the lete for 99 years to *Henry Riches*, Esq. of *Swanington*, who assigned it to *August. Sotherton.*

An excellent and curious survey of this lordship, taken in the 8th of *Edward* I. was in the year 1714, in the hands of *Edmund Rippingale*, Gent. attorney at law of *Norwich*, or of *Edmund Thymelthorp*, Gent. of the said city.

To this priory manor the presentation of one moiety of the church, belongs, and their lessee presents, *Henry Riches*, Esq. presented, and the *Sothertons* now, by that right.

Thomas Sotherton, Esq. living here in 1765.

In *Taverham*, *Herold* had a lordship in King *Edward's* reign, which he held at the Conquest, and on his death, the Conqueror seized on it; it consisted of a carucate, 2 acres and an half of land, 2 villains, 4 borderers, one carucate in demean, and half a carucate of the tenants, with 10 acres of meadow, &c. one mill, and the moiety of another, &c. it was a beruite to *Causton*, and valued with it.

In King *Edward's* reign 13 socmen belonged to it, with 2 carucates, and 21 acres of land, and *Walter Giffard* had them.[2]

Sir *John de Estron*, had a lordship in this town in the 53d of *Henry* III. held as I take it, of *Walter Giffard*, Earl of *Buckingham*, and it came by the heiress of *Estron*, to *Thomas de Brockdish*, who gave name to it: *of this see in Attlebrigg.*

Earl *Giffard's* interest in this lordship came to the Earls of *Clare*; the family of *De Taverham*, had also an interest herein.

Edmund Earl of *March*, as heir to the Earls of *Clare*, had a right herein in the 3d of *Henry* VI. and before this *Elizabeth*, Lady *Say*, wife of Sir *William Heron*, had an interest here.

The priory of *Mountjoy* in *Haverland* had lands here in 1428, valued at 11*s.* held of the honour of *Clare*.

Alan Earl of *Richmond* had also a lordship here, on the deprivation of *Turbert*, a freeman, who possessed in *Edward's* reign, a carucate of land held by 4 villains, and 3 borderers, one carucate in demean, and half a carucate among the tenants, with 5 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 20*s.*[3]

Haimer held it under Earl *Alan* at the survey, and it was valued in *Felthorp*: *See there.*

The tenths were 33*s.* 4*d.*

The Church was dedicated to St. *Edmund*, and had 2 medieties, one mediety was in the prior of *Norwich*, the other mediety belonged to the lordships of *Ralph de Beaufoe*, and *William* Earl *Warren*, who presented alternately; there being 2 portions or rectors belonging to this mediety.

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[2] Terra Regis——In Taverham ten. Herold. T.R.E. i car. tre et ii ac. et dim. beruita in Cauestuna, sep. ii vill. et iiii bor. sep. i car. in d'nio et dim. car. hom. x ac. p'ti silv. por. sep. i mol. et dim. sep. ii r. hoc. e. in p'tio. de Cauestuna huic manerio jacebant. T.R.E. xiii soc. in car. tre et xxi ac. hos. tenet Galter Gifart.

[3] Terre Alani Comitis——In Taverham ten'. Turb't. lib. ho. T.R.E. i car. tre. semp. iiii vill. et iii bord. sep. i car. in d'nio. et dim. car. ho'um. et v ac. p'ti. silva v por. t'nc. val. xx sol. et mo. et tenet Haimer.

In the reign of *Edward* I. *Richard* was rector of one portion of this mediety, valued at 8 marks, and *Edmund* was rector of the other, of the same value.

The prior of St. *Faith's* had a portion of tithe out of this mediety, valued then at 3*s*.—*Peter*-pence 16*d*.—Carvage 6*d*. *ob*.

Simon Bishop of *Norwich*, in 1265, confirmed to the monks of *Castleacre* in *Taverham*, and *Drayton*, 2 parts of the corn tithe of the whole demean of *William*, son of *Baldric de Taverham*, which his ancestors had given to them.[4]

RECTORS.

In 1274, *Laur. de Lincoln* was presented by the King, as guardian of the lands of *Nicholas de Taverham*, this was of the Earl *Warren's* fee.

In 1305, *Edmund* occurs rector.

1310, *Edmund Neve* instituted, presented by the King;[5] the lands of *Walter de Langton*, Bishop of *Litchfield*, being then in his hands; this was *R. de Beaufoe's* fee.

1316, *William de Derhum*, by the King.
1327, *Peter de Taverham*, by *Baldric de Taverham*.
1328, *Richard Lacy*, by Sir *Edmund Peverell*.
1341, *Adam Frenkdish*, by *Baldric de Taverham*.
1349, *William de Weston*. *Ditto*.
1351, *Peter de Meringthorp*, by Sir *William de la Pole*.
1352, *Thomas de Brome*. *Ditto*.
1361, *Steph, Lomb*, by Sir *William de la Pole* of *Castle Ashby*.
1375, *Peter de Wadgate*, by *Alice*, relict of *Edmund de Taverham*.
1384, *Hugh de Countesthorp*, by Sir *Martin Everard* of *Leverington*.
1386, *John Bardy*. *Ditto*.
1390, *William Stepy*, by *Alice*, late wife of Sir *Martin de Everard*.
1392, *Henry de Langley*, by Sir *John de Seton*.

In 1395, the advowson of one of these portions was settled by fine on *John Winter*, &c. by *John Gourney* and *Alice* his wife, with *Drayton*, and *Hailesdon* manors.

In 1404, *Simon Kiggis*, by *William Taverham*, Esq.

1409, *John Gilbert*, by Sir *Robert de Berney*, Sir *William de Calthorp*, &c.

Thomas Small, was rector in the 16th of *Henry* IV.
Thomas Tomlinson, and *Thomas Clark*, rectors.

1447, *William Taverham*, to a mediety on the resignation of *Sim. Hoole*, presented by Sir *John Falstolf*, and Sir *Henry Inglon*.

The present valor of each of these portions is 4*l*. 2*s*. 8*d*. *ob*. and the Bishop of *Norwich* was patron of one, that belonged to *Beaufoe's* fee, and *Thomas Sotherton*, Esq. of the other in 1740.

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[4] Regist. Castleac. fol. 101.

[5] In the 6th of Edward II. this Edmund attended the King into France.

In 1450, *Peter de Sancta Fide*, a carmelite of *Norwich*, had license from Pope *Nicholas* V. to receive any ecclesiastical benefice, and was presented by Sir *Inglos*, *William Jenny*, Gent. and *Thomas Howys*, feoffees of *Drayton* manor, late Sir *John Falstolf's*.

1722, Mr. *John Jeffreys* by the Bishop, died rector of this church and of *Drayton*, 1755.

The other moiety of the church was in the priory of the Holy *Trinity* of *Norwich*.

Ingulfus, the first prior, gave in 1119, the moiety of the tithes of *Taverham* (belonging, as I take it, to the convent's manor) to the hospital of *Normans Spittle* in *Norwich*, with the consent of his monks, and a pension of 13*s*. 4*d*. was afterwards paid to that hospital for them.

The old church and chancel were destroyed by lightning in *September* 1459.

In 1499, I find the chapel of St. *Mary* of *Taverham* mentioned, and there was the guild of our Lady.

Sir *August. Sotherton* was buried here, and his lady.

In the church were the arms of *Braunch*, *argent*, a lion rampant, *gules*, bruised with a bendlet, *sable* ;—*argent*, a saltier, *sable*, thereon, a fess, *gules*, charged with three bezants, born by *William Taverham*, Esq. lord and patron ;—*Winter*, impaling *Taverham* ;—*Braunch*, impaling *Winter* ;—*Braunch* impaling *Calthorp*.

Braunch had anciently a manor here.

Queen *Elizabeth*, on *March* 26, in her 27th year, granted to *George Petre* certain tithes here, &c. belonging to the late priory of *Horsham* St. *Faith's*.

The town takes its name from *Tav*, or *Tavy*, the *British* name of a river, and is a hamlet by the *Tav*.

WROXHAM.

THE principal lordship in this town was at the survey, in the hands of *Ralph de Beaufoe*.

Stigand Archbishop of *Canterbury* held it in the time of the Confessor, in his own right, as a temporal fee, but was deprived at the conquest. *Stigand* had 2 carucates of land, with 9 villains, 5 borderers, and 2 carucates in demean ; one carucate and an half among the tenants, 20 acres of meadow, 4 cows, and 20 swine, &c. 100 sheep,[6]

[6] Terra R. de Bellofago —— Urocham tenuit Stigand. T.R.E. ii car. tre. tc. ix vill. p'. et mo. v bor. et ii car. in d'nio. tc. i car. et dim. ho'um. mo. i et xx ac. p'ti. et iiii an et xx por. silv. c. por. c. ov. et xiii soc. XL. ac. tre. et ii ac. p'ti. tc. ii car. mo. i et dim. rex et comes soca'. et vii lib. ho'es. ccx ac.

Thirteen socmen held 40 acres of land, and 2 acres, and 2 carucates of meadow.

The King and the Earl had the soc, and 7 freemen possessed 210 acres, and 3 carucates and an half of meadow, &c.; the lordship was valued then at 3*l.* at the survey at 4*l.* and what the freemen held at 38*s.*

In the same town, 3 freemen of *Harold* had a carucate and 50 acres, and there were 2 villains and 6 borderers, with 3 carucates of meadow; also 3 freemen had a carucate and 20 acres, here were two churches endowed with 32 acres of land valued at 3*s.* It was one leuca and an half long, and one broad, and paid 30*d.* gelt.

In *Domesday Book*, it is wrote *Uroceham*, and *Urochesham, U*, or *UU*, are often met with, as initial letters to many towns; thus *UU*, or *Wydetuna, (Wooton,) Ultretvna, (Wolterton,)* &c. always signifying water. *Ro*, is also found often in the first, and second syllable, as *Rochford, Rock*, or *Rocheland, Rockley*, &c. and signifies the name of some rivulet, or stream of water.

Ralph de Beaufoe left a daughter and heir *Agnes*, who married *Hubert de Rie*, castellan of *Norwich*, and being a widow, granted the tithes of her manor of *Wrokesham*, to the prior of *Norwich.*

William de Cheyney was lord in the reign of King *Stephen*, who by his deed *sans date*, granted to *Reginald de Wroxham*, all the land and liberties that his father *Reginald* held here, with all its profits and appertenances, except 10 *husbandj*,[7] with all their tenements, to have and to hold of him, and his heirs, in fee and inheritance, paying 3*s. per ann.* at St. *Michael*, for all services, customs, &c.—witnesses, *Hervey Fitz Peter, Miles de Riveshale, Arnold Fitz Peter, Jeff. de Binetre, Gilbert de Roxham, Roger de Racheth*, &c. to this deed was a large round seal, of him on horseback, armed, cap-a-peè, his sword drawn, in his right hand, legend—

Sigillum Will'mj de Kyneto.

This *William* was son of *Robert Fitz Walter*, by *Sibilla* his wife, daughter and heiress of *Ralph de Cheyney*, and assumed the name of *Cheyney*, and with his wife founded the priory of *Horsham St. Faith's*, as may be there seen at large, and in *Horsford:* by *Gilla* his wife, he left 3 daughters and coheirs, *Margaret*, the eldest, married *Hugh de Cressi, Roger de Cressi* her son, in the first of King *John*, married *Isabel*, youngest daughter and coheir of *Hubert de Rye*, and had with her a moiety of the barony of *Rhy.*

Margaret aforesaid gave her lordship here, with the advowson of the church to the priory, and nuns of *Carhou*, by *Norwich*; and *Jordan de Sackvile*, who married *Clementia* her sister, released in the 2d of *Henry* III. to the said *Margaret*, all their right in the inheritance of the family of *De Cheyney*, in this town, by fine.

In the 6th of *Henry* III. the prioress of *Carhou*, granted to *Alex-*

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t'c. iii car. et dim. p'. et mo. ii et xv ac. p'ti silv. xii por. et i car. et dim. posset restaurari. t'c. val. maneriu' iii lib. mo. iiii et vii lib. ho'es xxxviii sol. In ead. iii lib. ho'es. Heroldj i car. tre. et xxx ac. semp. ii vill. at vi bor. tc'. iii car. p'. et mo. ii et tertia posset restaurari et x ac p'ti. silva. xx por. et in ead. iii lib. ho'es. xx ac. i car. ii ecclesias xxxiii ac. terre. et val. iii sol. i leug. et dim. in long. et i leug. in lat. et xxxd. de gelto.

[7] An husband, was one with a family who held ploughed land of his lord, on certain servile tenures.

ander de Wroxham, lands to be held of her; and in the 21st of that King, *Hugh*, son of *Maybil*, gave 20*s*. to hold a moiety of his father's lands and messuage, and to have liberty to marry when he pleased, but to be still the prioress's man; the prioress held a court, and lete in the 24th of the said reign at *Dunehill*, whom the lady *Agnes de Munchensy*, was prioress, and the lady of Sir *John Helington*, and the lady of *Jeff. de Lodnes*, and other free tenants were present, and renewed their pledges, before the whole soke, as the court-rolls testify.

In the 15th of *Edward* I. the prioress claimed free-warren, assise, a tumbrell, &c. and the jury find that she had appropriated the common river belonging to the King, from *Roxham* bridge, to a place called *Wyndene*.

John de Hecham had license to alien in the 18th of that King lands and tenements here, &c. valued at 5 marks *per ann.* to the prioress; about this time I find mills here, in one year, valued at 7*l*. 17*s*. in another at 6*l*. 3*s*. 2*d*. and in the 35th of the said reign, *Nicholas*, son of *Thomas de Kirkby*, aliened to the nuns, a messuage, with 28 acres, and 4 of marsh in this town.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. the prioress was found to hold one fee here of the barony of *Rye*, and in 1428, the temporalities of the prioress were valued at 20*l*. 11*s*. 6*d*. *ob*.

At the general Dissolution it came to the Crown, and King *Henry* VIII. granted this lordship, with that of *Sallows*, lands and tenements, on *May* 9, in his 29th year, to *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*, on whose attainder it came to the Crown, and King *James* I. on *June* 17, in his first year, gave it to *Henry Howard*, Earl of *Northampton*, who conveyed it in the following year to Sir *Miles Corbet* of *Sprouston*, the said Earl having surrendered it into the King's hands for that purpose, and Sir *Miles*, on *July* 13, in the 3d of the said King, had a grant of this manor, with all the rents of assise of free and customary tenants, valued at 18*l*. 16*s*. *per ann.* with lands, tenements, meadows, fishery in the river from *Wroxham* bridge to *Hockman's-Acre-fold course*, and the free farm rent of 34*l*. 16*s*. *per ann.* with the rectory and patronage of the vicarage.

In the family of *Corbet* it continued till on the death of Sir *Thomas Corbet*, Bart. it came to his sister and coheir, *Elizabeth*, the wife of *Robert Houghton*, Esq. who about 1690, sold it to *John Woodhouse*.

The *Harbords* presented as lords to the vicarage in 1731. *Harbord Harbord*, Esq. in 1736.

The Conqueror had in this village a manor, which *Godric* took care of as his steward, when the survey was made, two freemen held it of *Edric*, lord of *Sprouston*, in the time of King *Edward*, and were deprived, 60 acres of land belonged to it, 2 borderers, and 2 carucates, and was valued in *Eaton* by *Norwich*,[8] which was also the lordship of *Edric*, called in the survey under that town, *Edric de Laxfield*.

The lord *Ralph Mallet* seems to have had a grant of it from the Crown, soon after the survey it is certain that the descendants of *Walter de Cadomo*, whom that lord had enfeoffed of the lordship of

[8] Tra. Regis quam Godric' servant ——In Urocsham ii lib. ho'es LX ac. tre. et ii bord. tc'. ii car. p'. et mo. i hoc. e. totu' in p'tio de Ettuna.

Horsford possessed it, as did his son, *William de Cheyney,* who was lord in the time of King *Stephen,* whose daughter and coheir, *Margaret,* brought it to *Hugh de Cressi,* which *Margaret,* gave it to the priory of *Carhow,* with the manor above-mentioned, and so continued, till on its dissolution it was given to the Duke of *Norfolk,* and so was united to, and passed with the lordship aforesaid.

Ralph Stalra, of the abbot, &c. of St. *Bennet,* held 4 socmen here, with a carucate of land, and these socmen lived in *Hoveton,* also a carucate and 8 acres of meadow, valued at 6*s.* which the said *Ralph* gave to the abbey of St. *Bennet* of *Holm,* in the time of *William* the Conqueror.[9]

In the 25th of *Henry* III. there was an agreement between the abbot, and the prioress of *Carhow,* whereby the abbot quit-claimed to her all his right of fishing, from *Wroxham* bridge, to the head of *Wroxham* park, and the prioress of all her right to the abbot in the water that runs between *Wroxham* bridge, and the house of St. *Bennet's,* saving to the nuns, their right in a pool,[1] called *Flegg Dam,* and to each party free passage over *Wroxham* bridge, and through the water, both above and below, so that neither party should put nets, into any part of the other, for which the abbot agreed to pay yearly, as had been accustomed, 1000 herrings in *Lent,* and a fine was levied accordingly.

In the 10th of *Edward* II. the King impleaded the abbot, who was found to have encroached on the bank and water that extended from *Wroxham* bridge, to *Black Dam,* which the King claimed as an arm of the sea, where ships and boats arrived, loaded and unloaded without toll, or any custom, and it was found before this, in the iter of *Solomon de Rochester,* &c. that the abbot had encroached and planted trees on the bank of the river, making it a several fishery, that was common before.

The temporalities of the abbot in 1428, were 25*s.* 4*d.*

On the exchange of the lands of this abbey, made between the King (*Henry* VIII.) and the Bishop of *Norwich,* no doubt this came to the see, though I have met with no mention of the manor of *Wroxham,* but is included in what is called *Winds Messuage,* &c. in the time of Bishop *Rugg, John Corbet,* Esq. paid for the rent of a messuage, called *Windes,* 100 acres of land in *Salthous* (*Sallow's* rather) demean lands of *Bacons* 38*s.* 11*d. ob.* the farm of the site of the manor, &c. 10*l.* perquisites of court 14*s.* 6*d.* rent resolute to the bailiff of the Bishop's manor of *Bacon's* in *Ludham* 5*s.* 11*d.* to that of *Heigham Potter* 4*s.*— to the Lord *Abergavenny's* manor of *Sutton,* for the tent of a foldage 3*s.* 4*d.*

The manor of *Mounteneys* in *Sprouston* extended into this town, and in the 33d of *Edward* I. *Nich. Rydel* settled by fine on *William* his son 24 messuages, 2 mills, 200 acres of land, 12 of meadow, and 48*s.* rent here, and in *Racheath, Bastwick,* &c. and *William Rydel* was returned to have a lordship in the 9th of *Edward* II.

The tenths were 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—Deducted 10*s.*

The CHURCH of *Wroxham* is dedicated to St. *Mary,* and was a rectory valued at 16 marks; the cellarer of the priory of *Norwich* had a portion of tithe, valued at 13*s.* 4*d.*—*Peter*-pence 2*s.* 8*d.*—Carvage 7*d.*

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[9] Terra Sci Benedicti de Hulmo —— In Urochesham tenuit Rad. Stalra. iiii soc. de i car. tre. et jacent in Hovetuna q'm. de R. dedit Sco. B. T.R.E. Willi. sep. i car. viii ac. p'ti. val. vi sol.

[1] Reg. abb. de Hulmo fol. 82, 85.

This rectory being granted with the lordship to the priory of *Carhow*, was appropriated thereto, by *John de Grey*, Bishop of *Norwich*, who also appropriated to the monks of *Norwich*, the aforesaid portion, which was confirmed by Bishop *Blomvile*;[2] on this a vicarage was founded, anciently valued at 24*s.* the presentation of which was in the prioress, &c. and the vicar had an augmentation, or portion of 34*s.*

The present valor of the vicarage is 7*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.* and is discharged.

VICARS.

In 1320, *William de Cokethorp*, instituted vicar, presented by the prioress, &c.

1323, *William le Clever. Ditto.*
1328, *Thomas de Shotesham.*
1329, *Martin de Sandringham.*
1350, *Simon de Aquora.*
1361, *Robert Baxter.*
1361, *Simon Baret*, (*Apostolicus*) by the Pope's provision.
1370, *Roger de Segrave.*
1389, *Richard Franceys*, and to the chapel of *Salhous.*
1407, *Thomas Cocks.*
1409, *Ad. Smith.*
1411, *Mart. Mayhewe.*
1416, *Alan Smith.*
1418, *William Tanner.*
John Reve, vicar.
1419, Mr. *Robert Derham*, LL.B.
1420, *Thomas Young.*
1421, *Reginald Peper.*
1428, *William Hernald.*
1433, *Hugh Vowel.*
1443, *William Wright.*

In 1447, the burser of the priory accounted for 6 bushels of malt given to the building of the church, and in the said year, the priory (as I find) paid to the vicar 34*s.* *per ann.* pension; also a quarter and 4 bushels of barley, 2 bushels of wheat, 2 of rye, 2 bushels of pease, and 2 of oats.

1448, *Paul Erpingham.*
1450, *Robert Bond.*
1462, *John Elvys.*
1468, *Richard Sparhows.*
1472, *William Spink.*

In 1489, there were gifts to the making of the new roof of the church.

1492, *James Rightwyse.*

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[2] Reg. i Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol. 37.

1501, *John Field.*

1507, *Robert Freeman.*

1509, *John White.*

1514, *Robert Eliot.*

1523, *Ralph Dukker.*

1554, *Richard Skip,* collated by the Bishop, a lapse.

1559, *John Young,* by the Duke of *Norfolk,* who had with the manor (as before observed) the appropriated rectory and advowson of the vicarage.

1563, *William Brest.*

1573, *Thomas Steward,* by *John Bleverhasset, William Dyx,* &c.

1589, *Robert Booth,* by *Miles Corbet,* Esq.

1660, *John Burr,* by Sir *Thomas Corbet,* Bart.

1665, *John Watson,* by *Robert Houghton,* Esq.

1692, *Richard Dix,* by *John Woodhouse,* Esq.

1711, *William King. Ditto.*

1719, *Thomas Gamble,* by *Ann Woodhouse,* widow.

1731, *Benjamin Young,* by *Harbord Harbord,* Esq.

1736, *William Garrard,* by *Harbord Harbord,* Esq. on *Young's* death.

Here were the guilds of St. *Mary,* and St. *John* Baptist; the lights of St. *Mary,* St. *John* Baptist, *Trinity,* and *Erasmous.*

SALLOW.

THE manors mentioned in *Wroxham* extended into *Sallows,* it being an hamlet of that town, and was valued, and accounted under those lordships.

The temporalities of the prioress of *Carhow* in 1428, were here valued at 14*s.* 7*d.*

In the 36th of *Henry* VI. *John Redell* was found to hold the manor of *Redel* in *Salthouse.*

By an inquisition taken at the castle of *Norwich, October* 11, in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary,* it was found that *Thomas Reddell,* Gent. son of *Thomas,* died *September* 20, in the 34th of *Henry* VIII. and left by *Constantia* his wife, *John* his son and heir, aged 9 years, seized of *Sallowes* manor in *Wroxham,* and tenements held of *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk,* in soccage of his manor of *Wroxham,* and paying 20*s.* and 1*d.* rent *per ann.* and suit of court.

John Reddell conveyed it by fine to *Nicholas Sotherton* in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary.*

There was formerly a chapel in this hamlet, to which the vicar of *Wroxham* is also instituted, with his vicarage, there seems, to have been one at the time of the Conqueror's survey, wherein it is said that there were 2 churches, as may be seen in the account of *Beaufoe's* manor in *Wroxham;* it was dedicated to *All-Saints;* the church-yard belonging to it is mentioned in 1465, and in 1523.[3]

Robert Elliot, vicar of *Wroxham,* gives to the repair of this chapel 13*s.* 4*d.*

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[3] Reg. Cobalde, p. 102.——Reg. Alablaster, fol. 225.

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